
2X ApplicationServer & LoadBalancer & VirtualDesktopServer Manual



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INTRODUCTION

What is 2X ApplicationServer & LoadBalancer?

2X ApplicationServer & LoadBalancer Console is an easy-to-use centralized GUI Application that allows configuration of 2X ApplicationServer and 2X LoadBalancer. 2X ApplicationServer enables you to publish individual applications to your users' machines seamlessly, while 2X LoadBalancer is an automated load balancing/tunneling solution for Terminal Services & Citrix that enables you to distribute user sessions across terminal servers in such a way that the best performing terminal server is always selected to handle the incoming connection.

What is 2X VirtualDesktopServer?

2X VirtualDesktopServer is an application providing vendor independent virtual desktops and applications, accessible from anywhere. 2X VirtualDesktopServer allows you to publish full desktops and applications in a virtual environment with improved desktop manageability, security and performance.

Features

New Publishing Wizard

2X VirtualDesktopServer now incorporates a Publishing Wizard which will guide you through each step needed to setup Virtual Desktops, Published Applications and Published Desktops in the shortest amount of time.

Application Publishing

With 2X VirtualDesktopServer, instead of giving your users a full desktop on your terminal servers, you can give them only the applications they need. These applications can be pushed directly to the users' desktop.

Deepnet Security

Deepnet Unified Authentication is a single integrated platform for provisioning, managing and verifying all types of authentication, form-factors and user credentials. 2X VirtualDesktopServer provides this two-factor authentication using SafeID, FlashID, MobileID, QuickID, GridID, SecureID (RSA), DigiPass (Vasco).

Native RDP Connections

Using the 2X VirtualDesktopServer Client you can now connected to a machine running Microsoft Terminal Server using a Remote Desktop Protocol connection. Administrators can easily configure desktop connections and publish applications using one tool.

Embedded Desktops

With your 2X VirtualDesktopServer Client you can now use Embedded Desktops. This allows you to load a number of different Virtual Desktops inside one application. Switching between the different desktops is as simple as clicking on a different tab.

Multiple VDI Providers

2X VirtualDesktopServer now supports virtual desktops published from VMware, Sun VirtualBox, Microsoft Virtual Server, Virtual Iron, Parallels and Microsoft Terminal Server. Virtual desktops are load balanced over the available machines while automatically releasing unused resources.

Seamless Windows capabilities

With Seamless Windows, applications running from your terminal servers will look like local applications for your users. This facilitates the introduction of server based solutions like terminal services as the remote applications co-exist with local ones and users cannot even tell the difference between them.

Greater Compatibility

2X VirtualDesktopServer Console is compatible with Windows 2000 Server, Windows 2003 Server and Windows 2008 Server. This means you do not need to upgrade your entire infrastructure to the latest Windows Server platform if all you need is application publishing with Seamless Windows capabilities.

Cross Platform Support

2X VirtualDesktopServer is an RDP based Application Publishing solution that supports both Linux and Mac OS X clients, all with Seamless Windows capabilities. Now it is easy to bring Windows applications to all your Linux and Mac desktops!

2X Client Gateway Service

2X Client Gateway tunnels all traffic needed by 2X applications on a single port. Now you need to open only one port on your firewall and the clients will be able to launch the published applications through the 2X Client Gateway Service.

Increased Terminal Services performance

During the login sequence, the user (using default settings) connection request is forwarded to the terminal server reporting the best performance index. This ensures that the users will never be connected to a terminal server that is using all its resources (CPU, memory, etc), optimizing user experience across the terminal server farm.

Enhanced Security

When used in SSL Gateway mode, the 2X LoadBalancer provides end-to-end SSL encryption to your terminal servers. This not only greatly enhances security but also gives you a firewall/proxy friendly solution with true SSL/HTTPS capabilities.

Reconnection capabilities

When a session gets disconnected from one of the terminal servers and the user attempts to reconnect, the 2X LoadBalancer queries all terminal servers for a disconnected session from that particular user or IP address and reconnects the user to the appropriate terminal server (some conditions apply).

Universal Printing

Printing has been one of the difficulties for administrators of server-based computing systems. 2X Universal Printer solves this issue and printing from application via RDP sessions is not different than printing from any other application. Universal Printing installs a universal driver on the Terminal Server that works with any printer.

Multiple Farms

2X Clients have the facility to connect with Multiple Farms and publish seamless applications or published desktops from multiple farms simultaneously.

Single Sign On

Single Sign-On is a module that automates the log-in process when connecting with the 2X Client Gateway and the Terminal Servers. Single Sign-On eliminates the burden on users of having to remember, and periodically change many individual passwords, in order to access applications and data.

2X Access Portal

2X Access Portal allows users to launch published applications and desktops from multiple farms which are accessed through a web portal according to their filter settings.

How does 2X ApplicationServer work?

2X ApplicationServer extends Windows Terminal Services by using a customized shell and virtual channel applications using the Microsoft RDP protocol. Due to these extensions, a new Client is required (although it uses the same RDP protocol as mentioned above) on all computers that will be accessing the 2X ApplicationServer.

How does 2X LoadBalancer work?

2X LoadBalancer works by acquiring information from the Terminal Servers or Citrix Servers with the aid of the 2X Terminal Server Agent installed on each server. This information includes system resources and the number of sessions running on the server. With this information, 2X LoadBalancer will be able to load balance both desktops and seamless applications.

The 2X LoadBalancer can be configured to use either 'Resource based' or 'Round Robin' load balancing methods. Resource based load balancing forwards the connections to the server with the highest available resources. The Round Robin method uses a round-robin schedule, where each terminal server participates in turn, irrelevant of the status of each terminal server.

The 2X LoadBalancer offers the facility of reconnecting sessions.

How does 2X VirtualDesktopServer work?

2X Virtual Desktop Server extends a number of different virtualization technologies (VMware, Sun VirtualBox, MS Virtual Server, Virtual Iron, Parallels and MS Terminal Server) to allow the publishing of virtual desktops to the 2X Client. When a client requests a virtual desktop, the system finds a guest on one of the least loaded hosts, starts or restores the guest and, using Microsoft RDP protocol, the virtual desktop is presented to the user.

INSTALLING 2X VIRTUALDESKTOPSERVER



2X ApplicationServer & LoadBalancer & VirtualDesktopServer System requirements

- ▶ Windows 2000 Server, 2003 Server or 2008 Server or Advanced Server with Terminal Services enabled (in Application Mode if using Windows 2000 Server) when publishing applications and load balancing Terminal Servers.
- ▶ The same hardware requirements as specified by Microsoft when deploying a terminal server apply.
- ▶ One of the supported virtualization technology installed (for 2X VirtualDesktopServer only).

Installing 2X VirtualDesktopServer

Before you run the installation procedure please make sure that you are logged on with administrator rights and that the system requirements are met.

1. Run the 2X VirtualDesktopServer setup program by double clicking on the '2XVDS.msi' file on the machine to be used as your access point to your terminal servers and/or virtual hosts. A welcome dialog box will appear. Close other Windows programs and click '**Next**'.



Figure 1 - 2X VirtualDesktopServer Setup Program welcome screen.

2. Accept the license agreement by enabling 'I accept the terms in the License Agreement' checkbox.

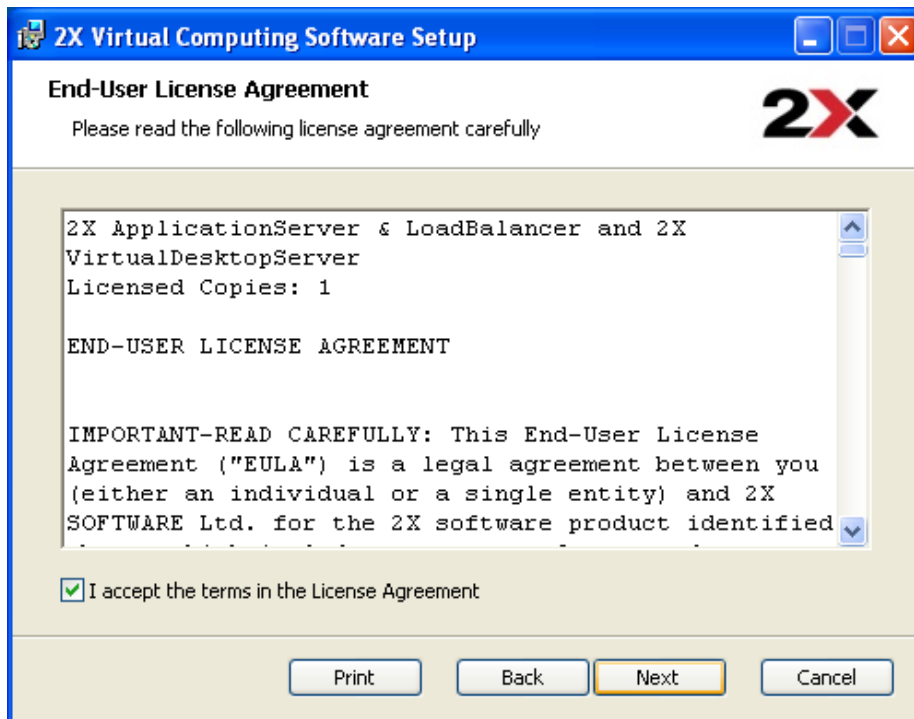


Figure 2 - The License Agreement.

3. Select the location where you want to install the 2X VirtualDesktopServer and click **'Next'**.

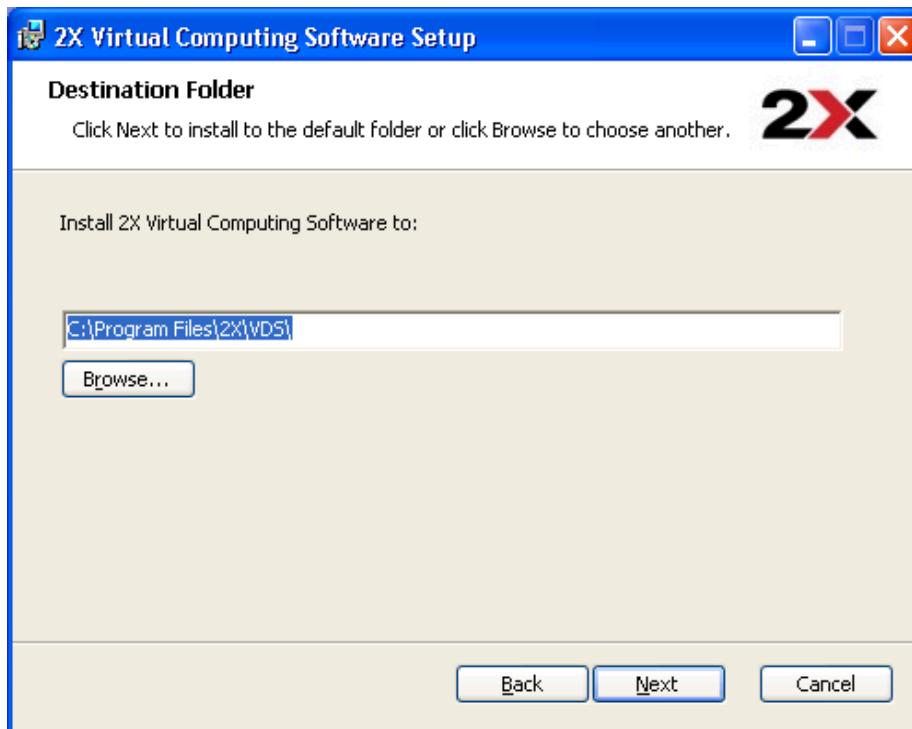


Figure 3 - Choosing the location where 2X VirtualDesktopServer will be installed.

4. Select the desired installation type. You can select either '2X VirtualDesktopServer' or '2X ApplicationServer and LoadBalancer Enterprise' or '2X ApplicationServer and LoadBalancer SMB' (Small to Medium Business) or 'Custom'. SMB Edition is appropriate for a Single Terminal Server environment while Enterprise Edition is appropriate for a Multiple Terminal Servers environment. The Custom method of installation will allow you to choose which components you would like to install on the system.

4.1 Small to Medium Business Edition

For a single terminal server just select the '**Small to Medium Business Edition**' radio button and this feature will install all necessary components to publish application and desktops from a Single Terminal Server. This scenario is typically used when you have one Terminal Server and you need to offer published, seamless applications to your clients.

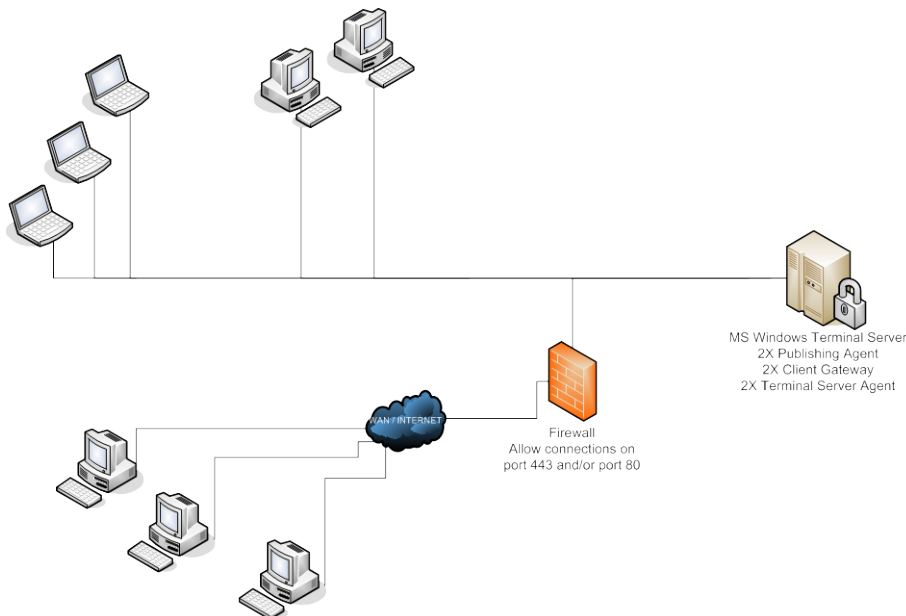


Figure 4 - Single Terminal Server scenario to publish applications and desktops from a single Terminal Server.

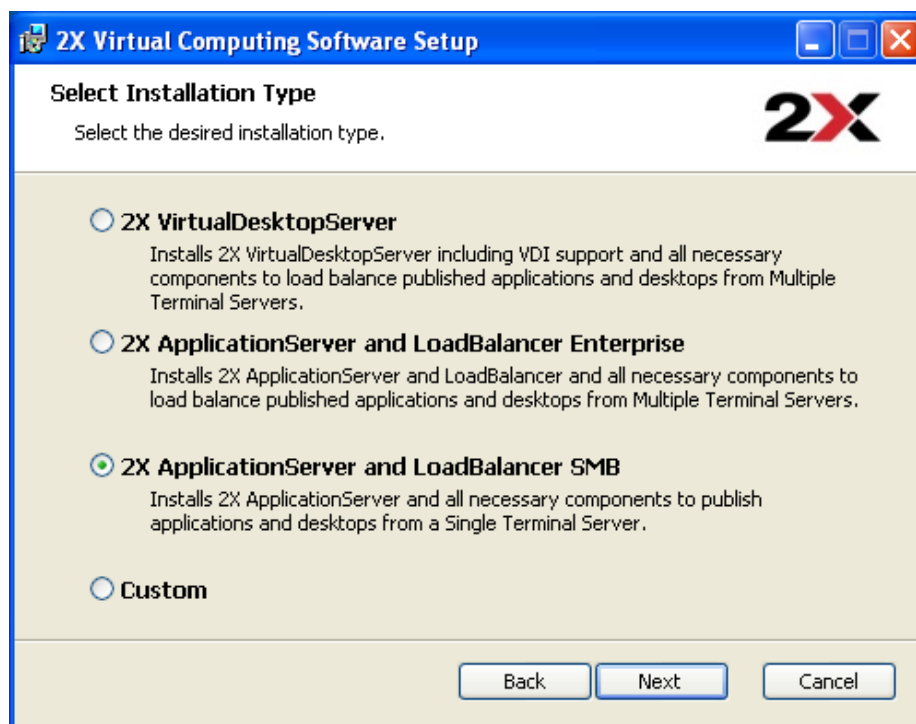


Figure 5 - Installation type – Small to Medium Business Edition

4.2 Enterprise Edition

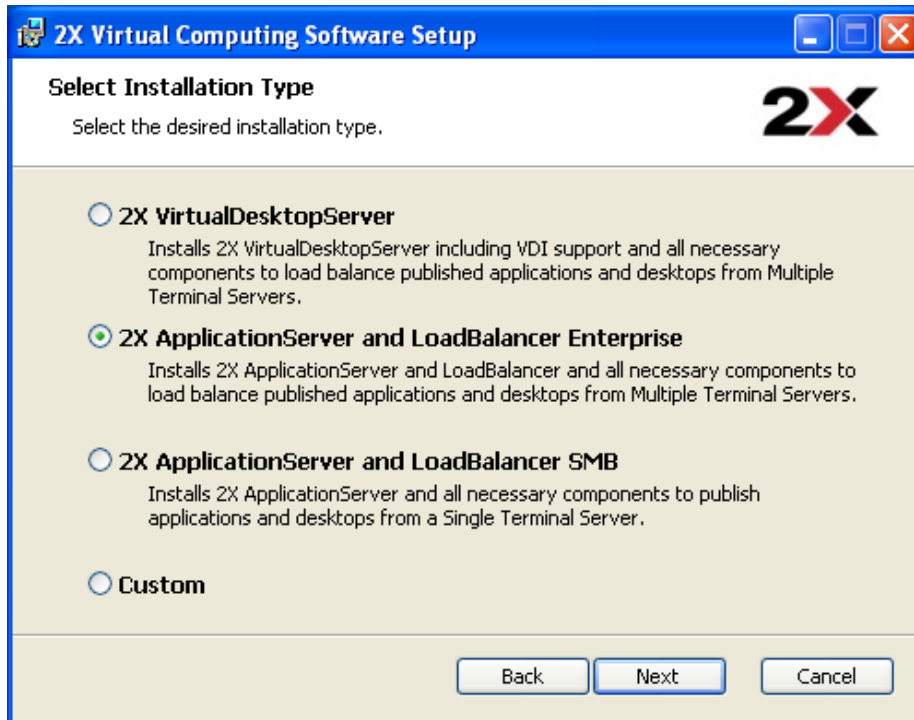


Figure 6 - Installation type – Enterprise Edition

You have to choose what to install according to your needs and your requirements. Two common scenarios are the 'regular gateway scenario' and the 'direct mode scenario'. Please follow the below instructions how to setup such scenarios (4.2.1 or 4.2.2). For more advanced and alternative scenarios and solutions please read [2X Server Based Computing Guide](#).

Explanation of 2X Components

- **2X VirtualDesktopServer** – Consists of 2X Publishing Agent service and 2X Management Console.* The service provides load balanced applications and desktop publishing.
- **2X Terminal Server Agent** – Consists of 2X Terminal Server Agent service and 2X shell component. The service collects resource information from the Terminal Server(s) and forwards the information to the 2X LoadBalancer.
- **2X Client Gateway** – Consists of 2X Client Gateway service and 2X Management Console.* The gateway service tunnels all traffic needed by 2X applications on a single port and provides secure connections.
- **2X VDI Agent** – Consists of 2X VDI Agent service and 2X shell component. The service collects resource information from the Virtual Host(s) and forward the information to the 2X VirtualDesktopServer.

* The 2X Management Console is a centralized GUI application which provides the ability to configure 2X ApplicationServer & LoadBalancer & VirtualDesktopServer.

NOTE: The 2X Management Console will display the appropriate pages according to the installation type.

4.2.1 Enterprise Edition (Custom Installation) – Regular Gateway Scenario

This solution is ideal for secure environments. Clients can connect using Gateway with the 2X Client Gateway machine. This machine will listen for RDP and will forward traffic to the MS Terminal Server according to their load status.

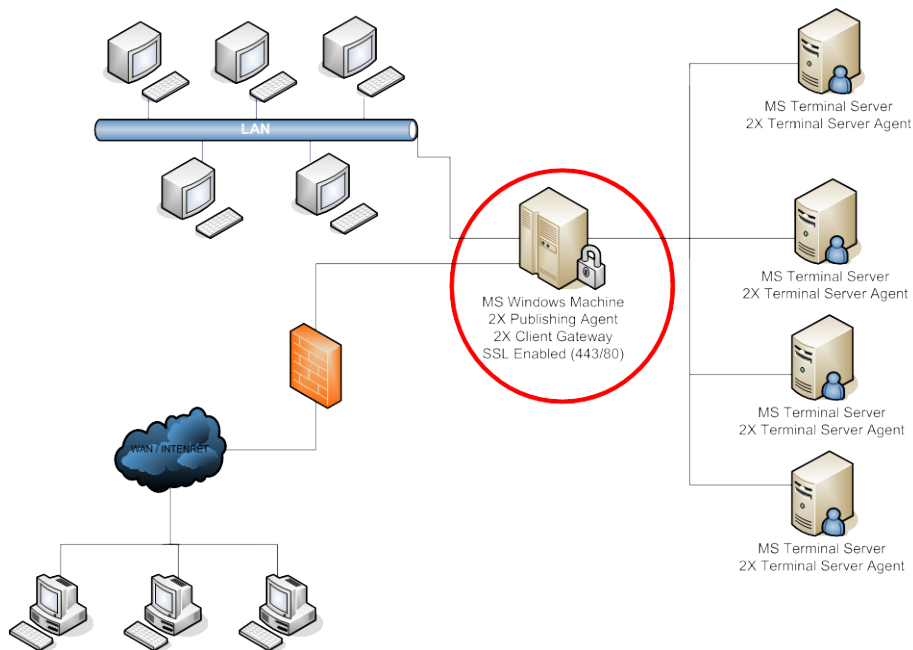


Figure 7 - Enterprise Edition - Multiple Terminal Servers - Regular Gateway Scenario (4.2.1)

A regular gateway solution is ideally used when you require a server to act as a load balancer which will only listen for RDP and forward traffic to the MS Terminal Server according to their load status. For this you will need to select '**2X Publishing Agent**' and '**2X Client Gateway**' only.

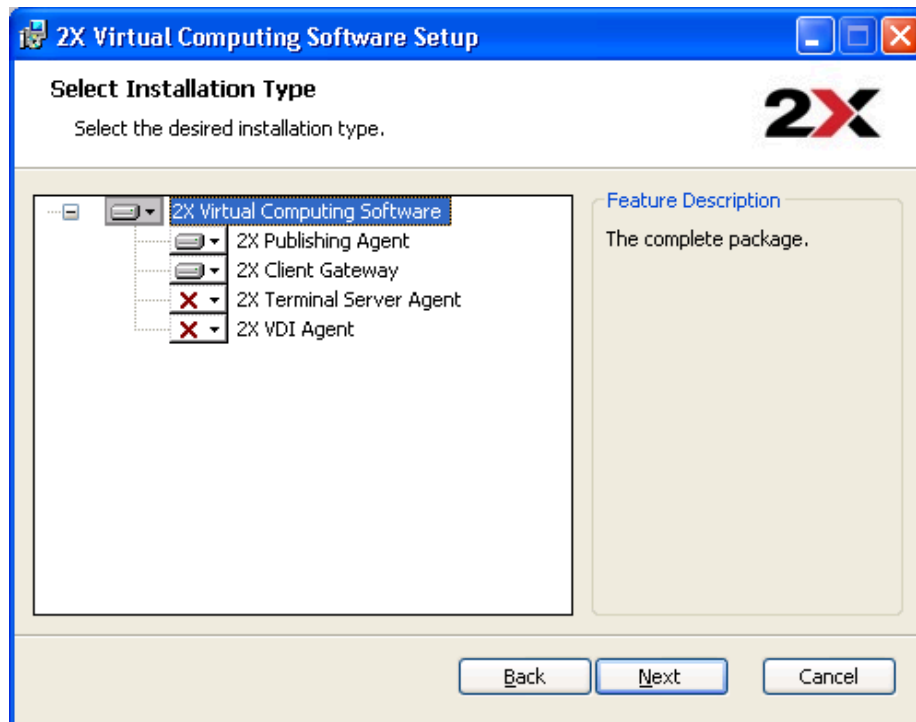


Figure 8 - Installation type – Custom (Regular Gateway scenario)

On each Terminal Server you need to install the 2X Terminal Server Agent. This can be done by either installing the 2X Terminal Server Agents remotely from 2X Management Console while setting up the Terminal Servers or by manually installing it on every Terminal Server by running the same setup and selecting '**2X Terminal Server Agent**' only. Please refer to the chapter entitled "[Installing the 2X Terminal Server Agent](#)" for more information about how to install the 2X Terminal Server Agent.

4.2.2 Enterprise Edition (Custom Installation) – Direct Mode Scenario

This solution is ideal for LAN environments. Clients can connect using the direct mode with any MS Terminal Server. Clients will first ask the 2X Publishing Agent for the best available Terminal Server and they will connect directly to the preferred MS Terminal Server.

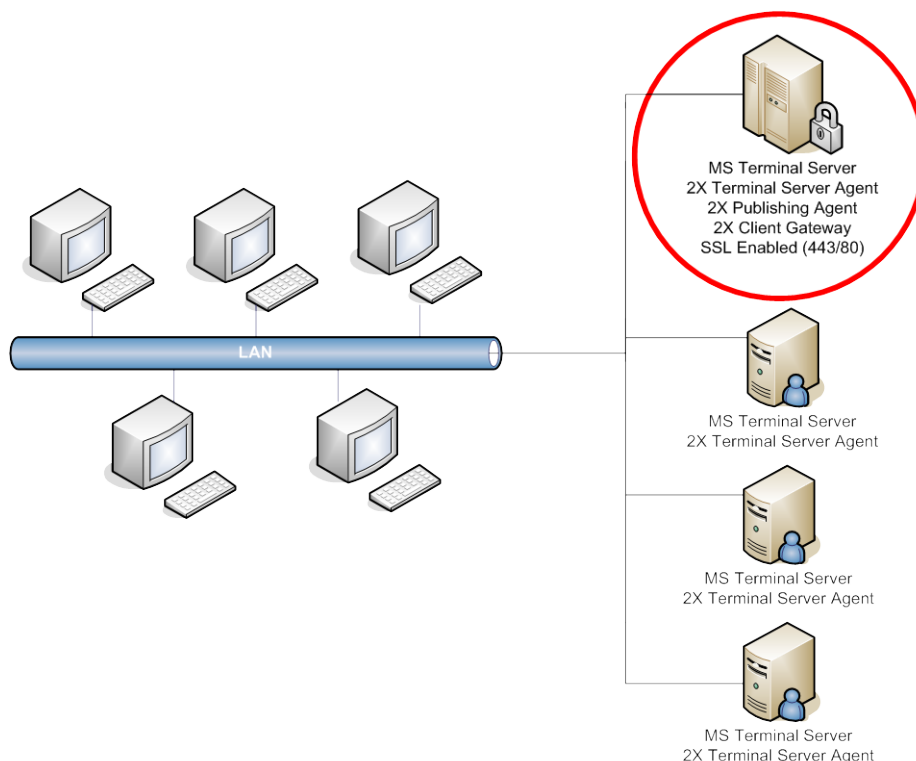


Figure 9 - Enterprise Edition – Multiple Terminal Servers - Direct Mode Scenario (4.2.2)

In this scenario you would need to select '**2X Publishing Agent**', '**2X Terminal Server Agent**' and '**2X Client Gateway**' if this server is going to act as a terminal server.

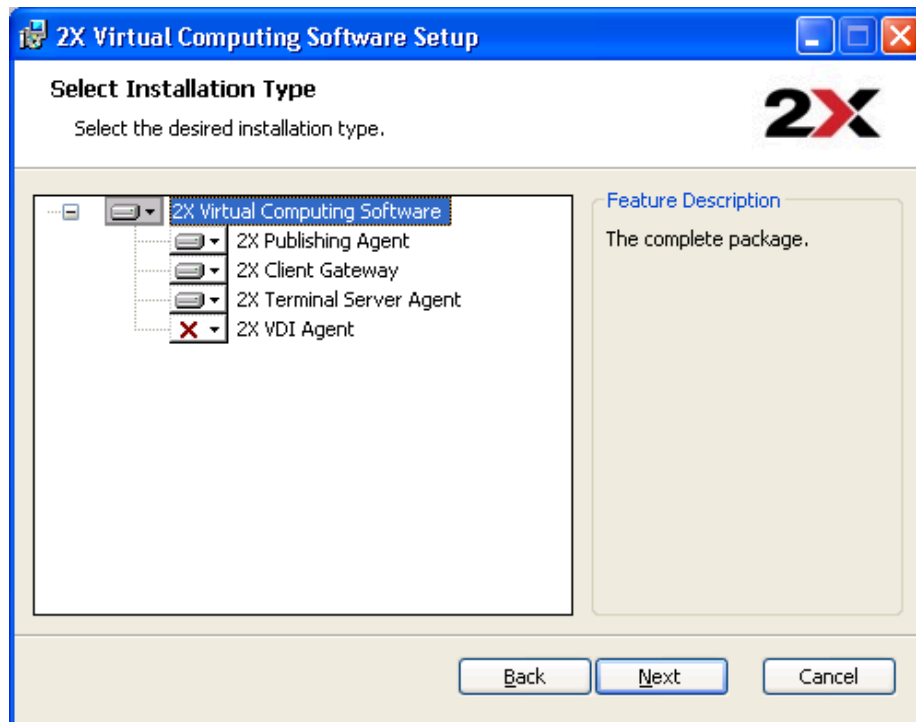


Figure 10 - Installation type – Custom (Direct Mode Solution)

For the additional Terminal Servers, you would need to select '**2X Terminal Server Agent**' only. You may also install the 2X Terminal Server Agents remotely from 2X Console. Please refer to the chapter entitled "[Installing the 2X Terminal Server Agent](#)" for more information about how to install the 2X Terminal Server Agent.

4. Important Notice about 2X Client Gateway tunneling. (applicable only when 2X Client Gateway is installed)

To be able to tunnel all traffic through port 80, make sure that other services like web servers are running on another port (e.g. 81). You will be able to tunnel web traffic to local host (e.g. 81) by changing the 2X Client Gateway port in the 'Connection Settings' page.

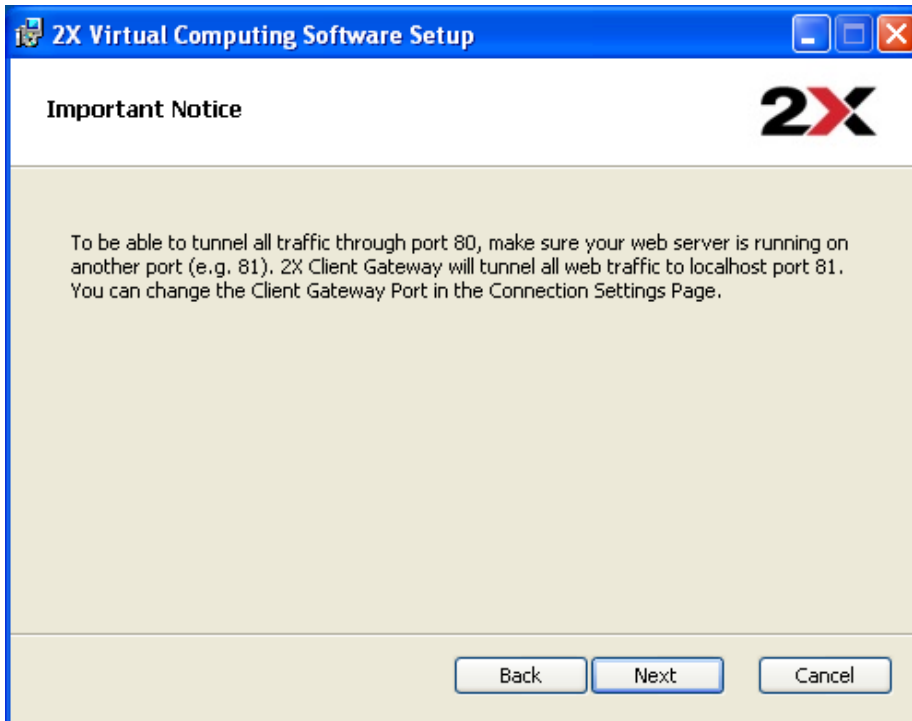


Figure 11 - Important Notice to be able to tunnel all traffic through port 80

6. Click '**Install**' to begin the installation - Setup will copy the required files and will create the service on the machine.

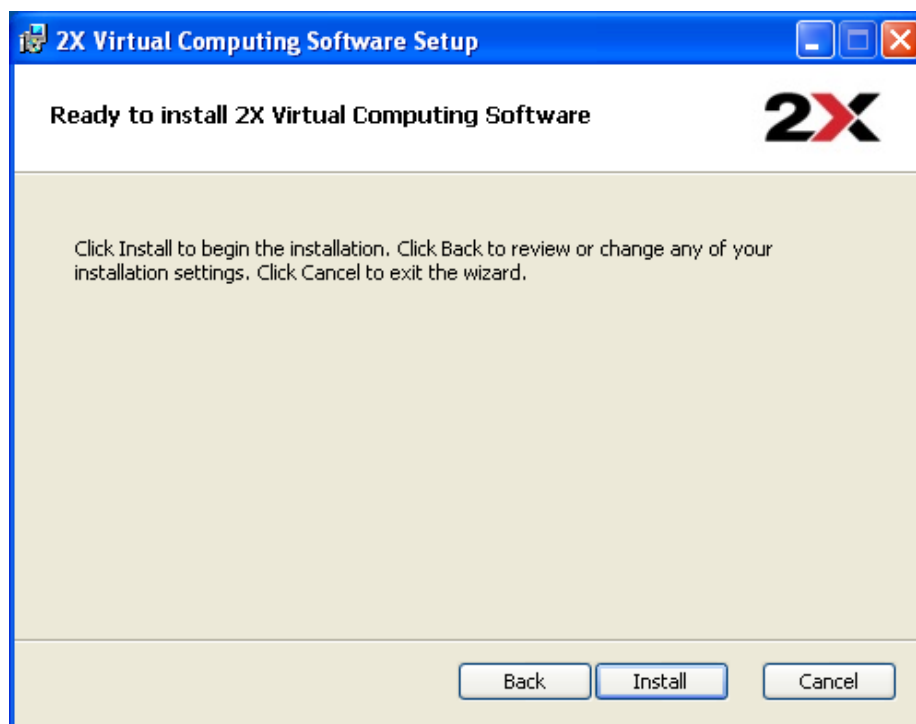


Figure 12 - Ready to install 2X VirtualDesktopServer

7. After the 2X VirtualDesktopServer is installed, you should see the 2X Client Gateway, 2X Publishing Agent, 2X Redundancy Service, 2X Terminal Server Agent and 2X VDI Agent services listed under 'Services'. However this depends on which components you have installed.

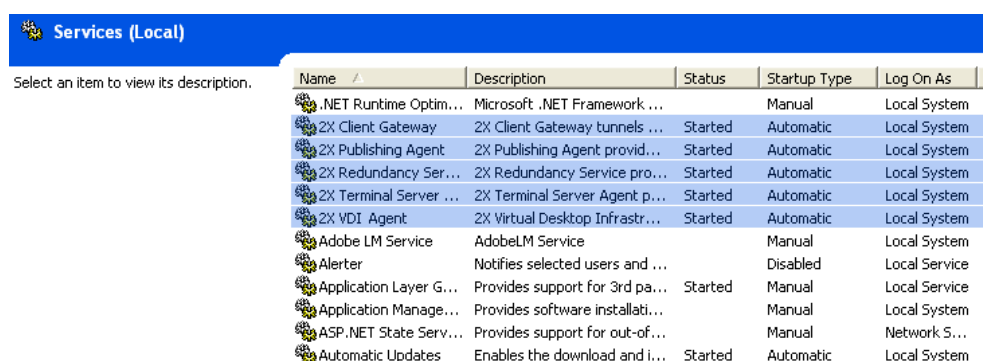


Figure 13 - The 2X Client Gateway, 2X Publishing Agent, 2X Redundancy Server, 2X Terminal Server Agent Services and 2X VDI Agent.

NOTE: The 30-day trial version and the full version of the application are the same program. To re-enable the product after the 30-day trial period has expired, the only action necessary will be to enter a valid license key in the Licensing page. Re-installation will not be necessary.

INSTALLING THE 2X TERMINAL SERVER AGENT

2X Terminal Server Agent System requirements

- Windows 2000 Server, 2003 Server or 2008 Server or Advanced Server with Terminal Services enabled (in Application Mode if using Windows 2000 Server).
- The same hardware requirements as specified by Microsoft when deploying a terminal services environment will apply.

Installing the 2X Terminal Server Agent remotely from 2X Console

2X VirtualDesktopServer offers the facility to install the 2X Terminal Server Agent on each Terminal Server remotely from the 2X Console. This feature gives you the facility to control each Terminal Server from one central place.

In order to be able to install the 2X Terminal Server Agents remotely, you must make sure that:

- You have administrative credentials to be able to install the required service.
- The service 'server' is running on the Terminal Server where you intend to install the Terminal Server agent. This service is offered by MS Windows and is used for file, print, and named-pipe sharing over the network. This service is used to install the 2X Terminal Server Agents remotely.

1. Launch the 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console and select the Terminal Servers category. If 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console detects that a number of Terminal Server Agents are not installed or need to be upgraded, it will inform you and allow you to install/update them all at once.

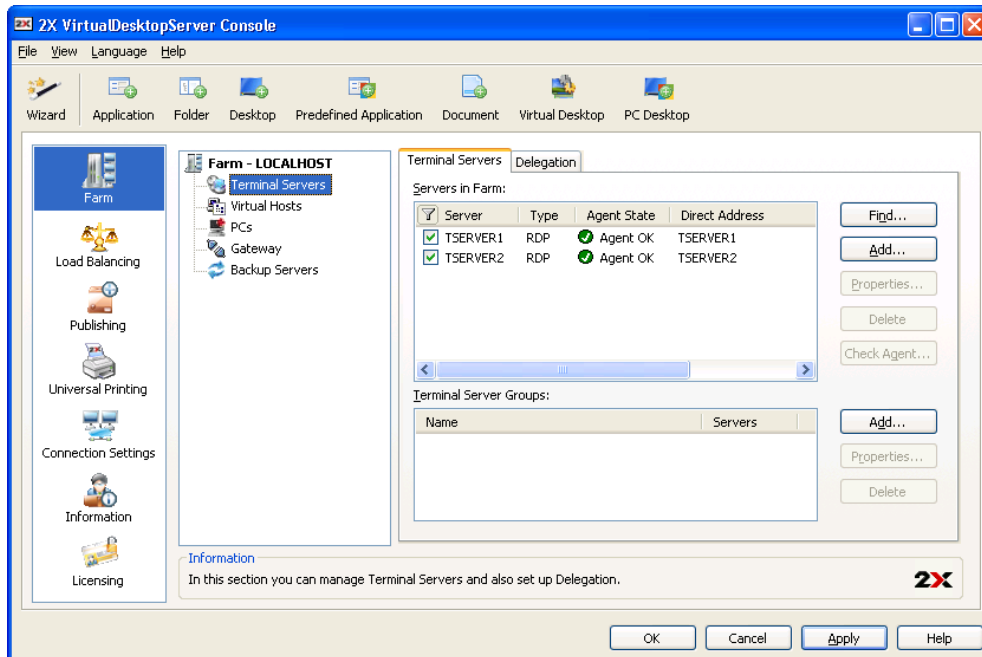


Figure 14 - Terminal Server page to add additional Terminal Server agents

2. Click the '**Find...**' button to find the available Terminal Servers or Citrix Servers. All Terminal Servers and Citrix Servers within your domain will appear on the list of available servers to your farm. The 'Agent' status column gives the ability to identify whether the 2X Terminal Server Agent is installed or not. Therefore 'Agent OK' indicates that the 2X Terminal Server Agent is installed on the particular Server while 'Agent not found' indicates that the 2X Terminal Server Agent is not installed and you'll need to install it if you intend to use this particular server in your farm.

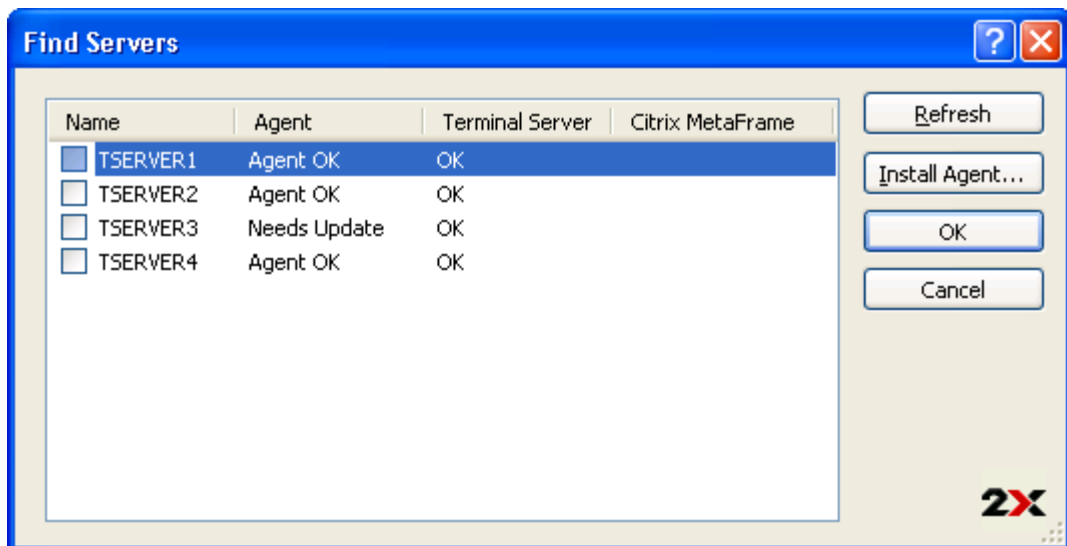


Figure 15 - Choose a Terminal Server to install agent

3. Select the Terminal Server where you would like to install the 2X Terminal Server Agent and click '**Install Agent**'.
4. Enter administrative credentials to access the remote server.

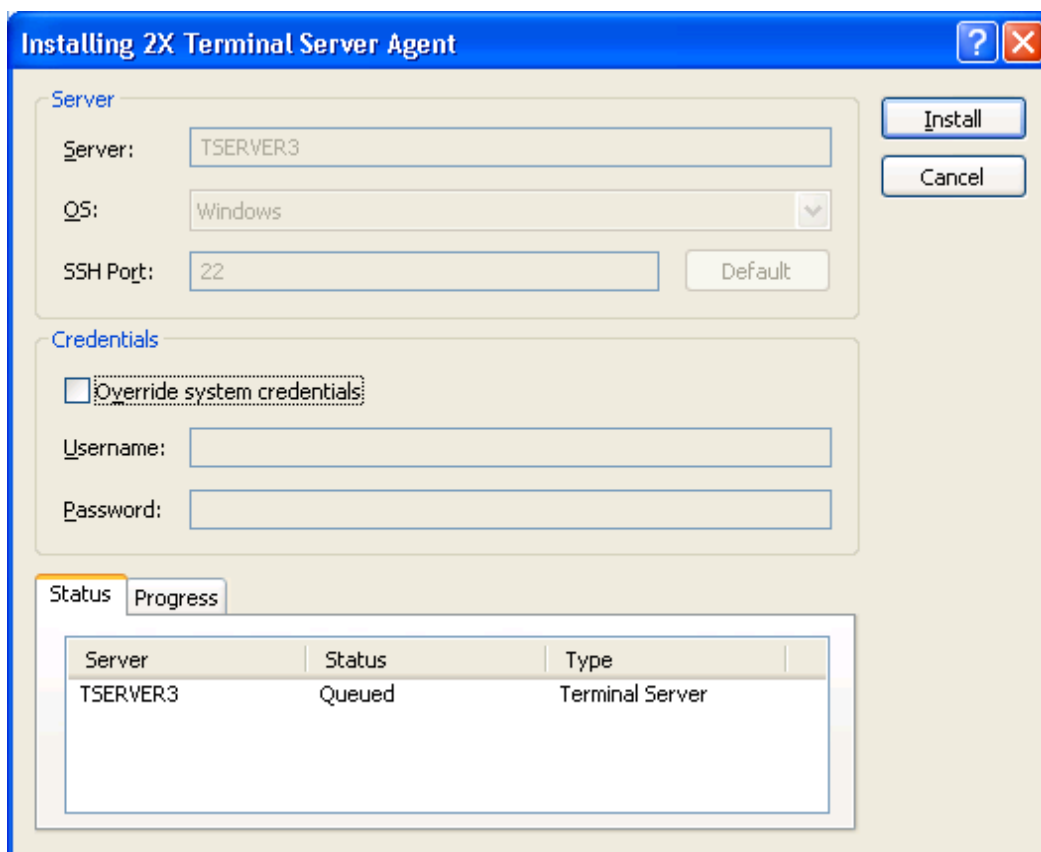


Figure 16 - Enter administrative credentials to install the 2X Terminal Server agent

5. Click '**Install**' after you've entered the administrative credentials. You should note that service is installed successfully if the installation is done completely.

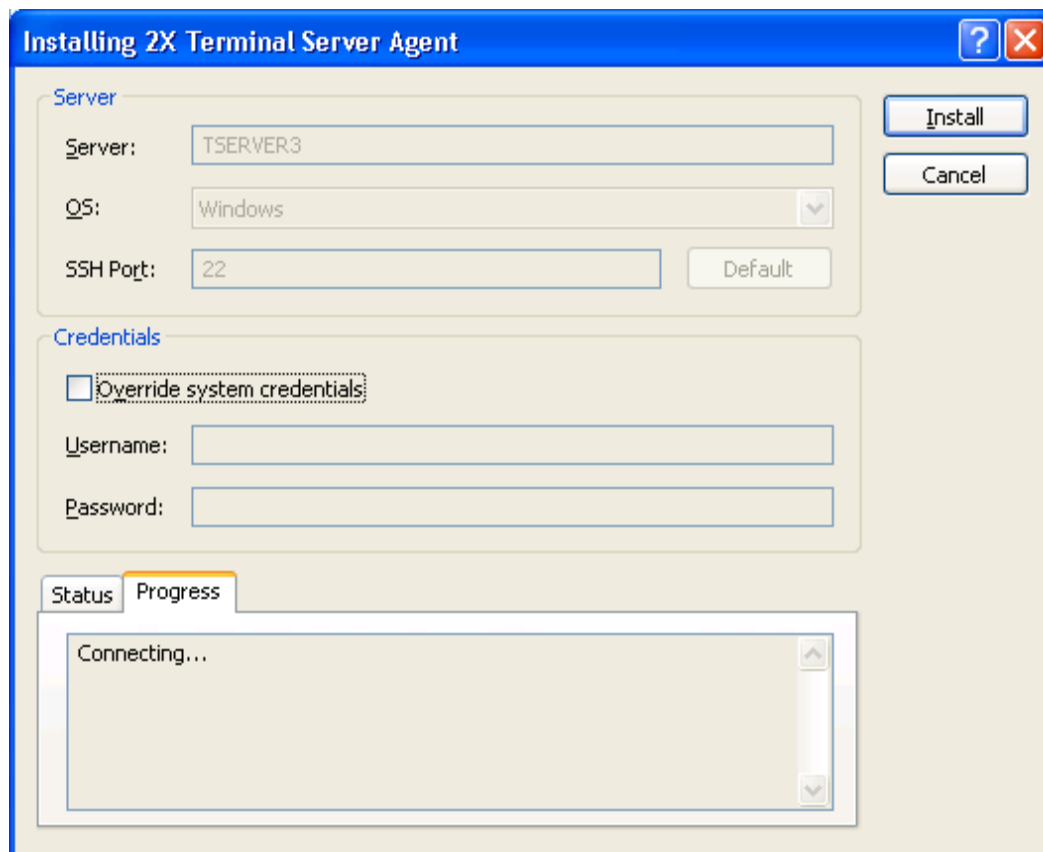


Figure 17 - 2X Terminal Server agent Installation process

6. Click 'Done' when finished.

Installing the 2X Terminal Server Agent Manually

Before starting the installation procedure, please make sure that you are logged on with administrator rights, and that the system requirements are met.

1. Log on to the Terminal Server or Citrix Server
2. Run the 2X Terminal Server Agent setup program by double clicking on the '**2XVDS.msi**' file. A welcome dialog will appear. Close other Windows programs and click '**Next**'.



Figure 18 - 2X Terminal Server Agent Setup Program welcome screen.

3. Accept the License Agreement and click **'Next'**.

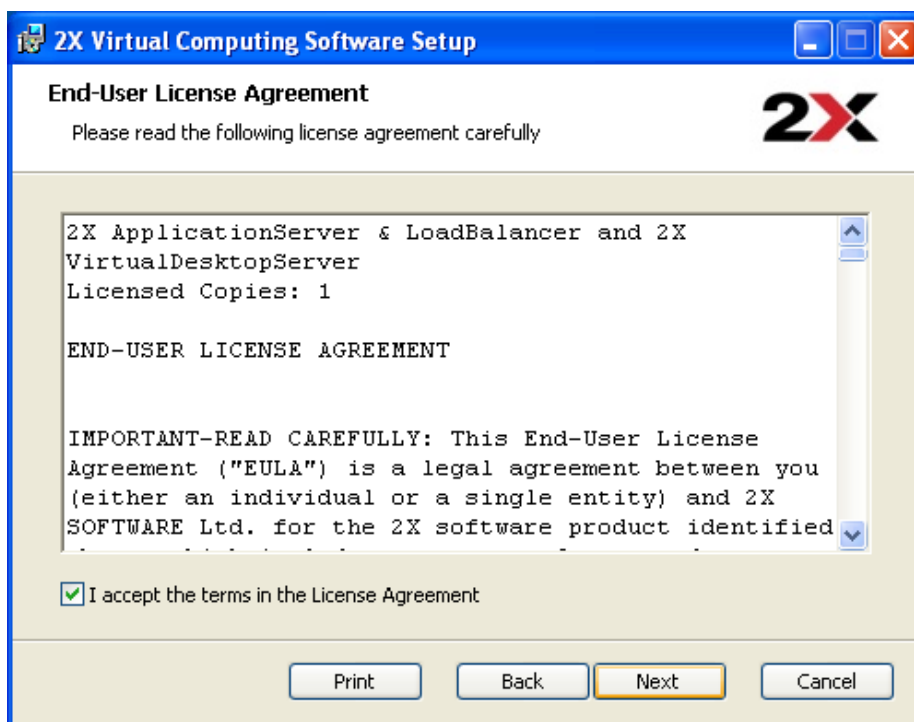


Figure 19 - The EULA.

4. Select the location where you want to install the 2X Terminal Server Agent and click **'Next'**.

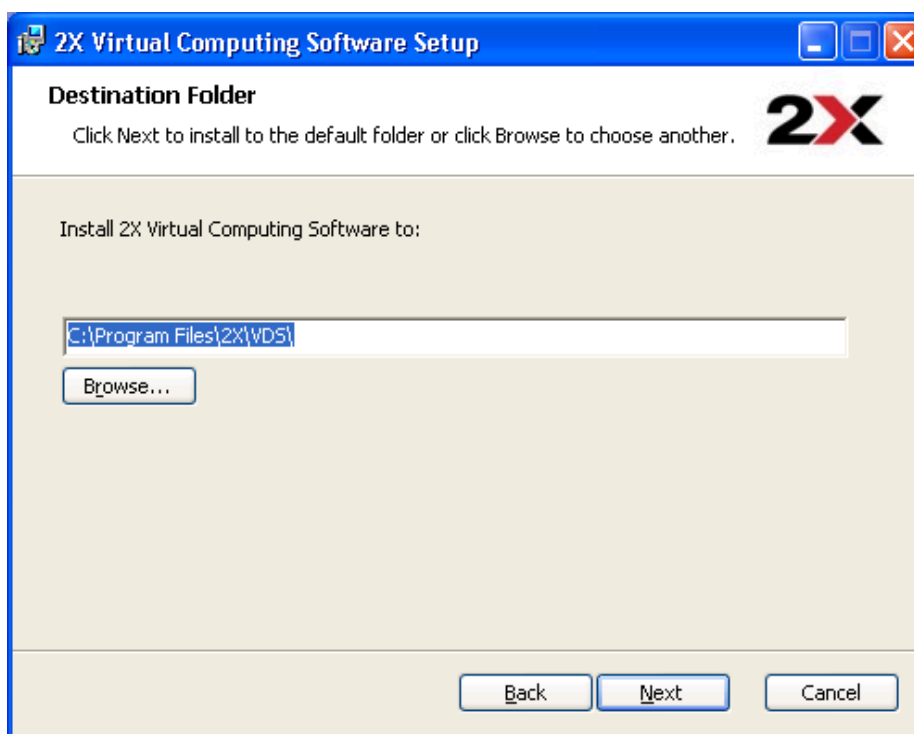


Figure 20 - Choosing the location where 2X Terminal Server Agent will be installed.

5. First select the '**Custom**' radio button as the Installation type.

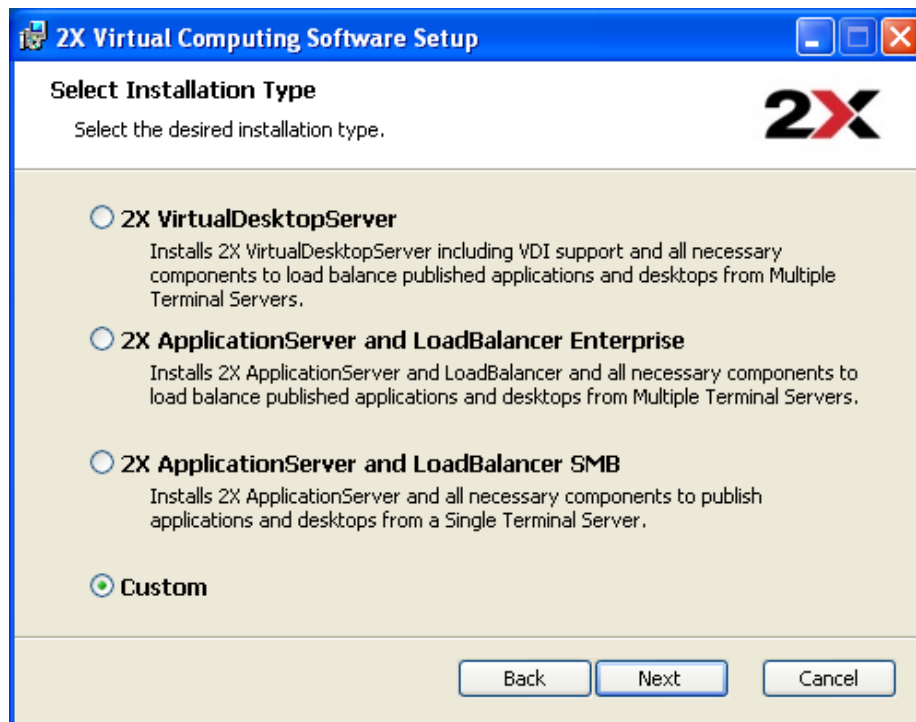


Figure 21 - Select Installation type: Custom.

6. Select '**2X Terminal Server Agent**' only as shown in the figure below and click '**Next**'.

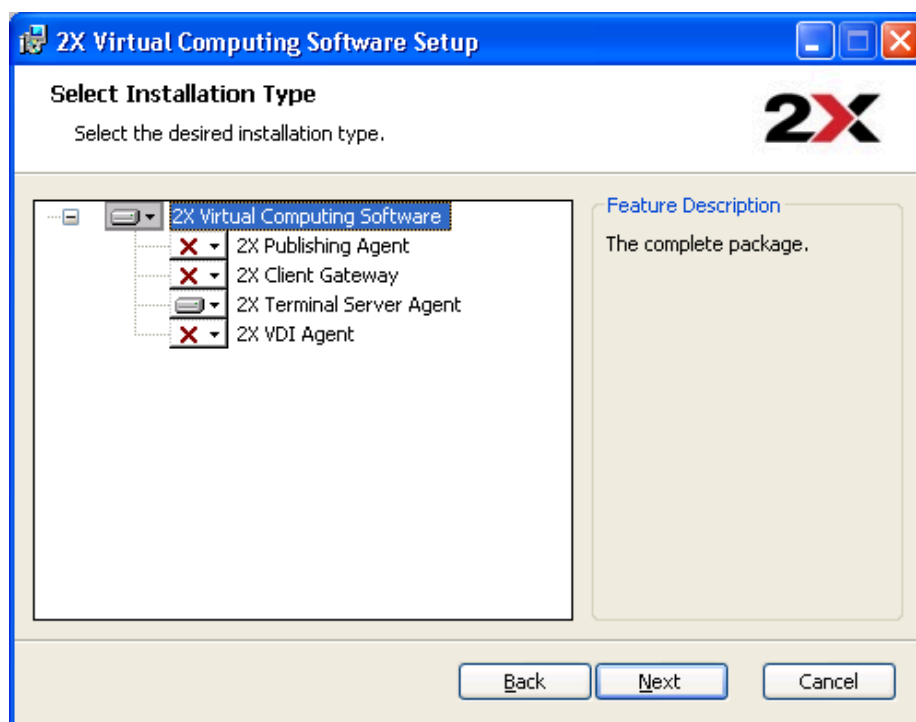


Figure 22 - Select Installation type: Custom - 2X Terminal Server Agent.

7. To start the actual installation process, simply click **'Install'**.

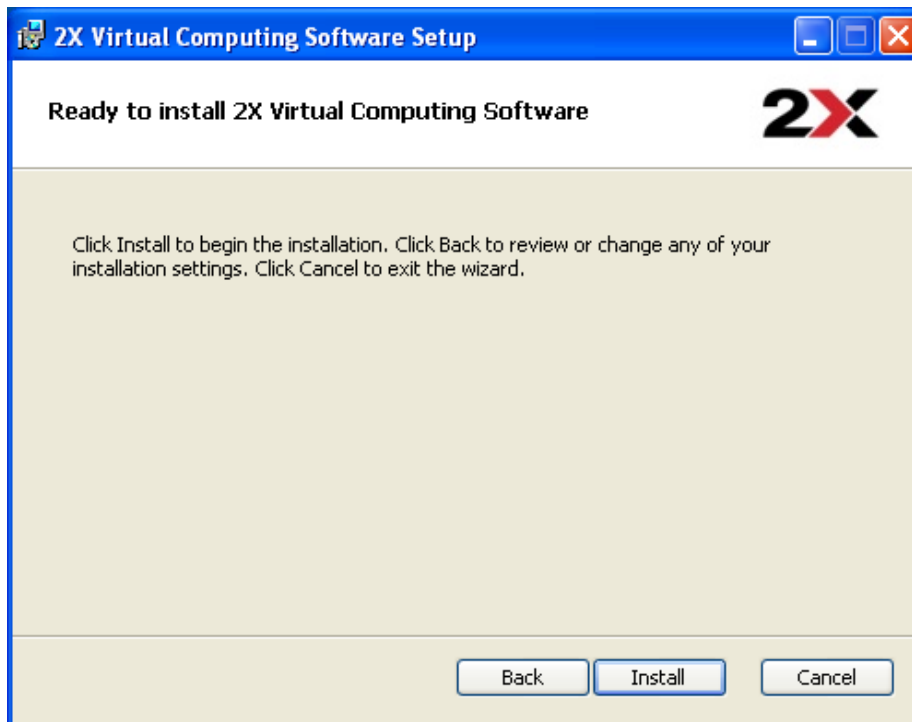


Figure 23 - Starting the installation program.

8. Setup will copy the required files and will create the service on the machine. After finishing you will see the status screen.



Figure 24 - Post-Installation status screen.

After the installation is complete (remotely or manual), you should see the '2X Terminal Server Agent' service listed under 'Services' on the server where the agent has been installed.

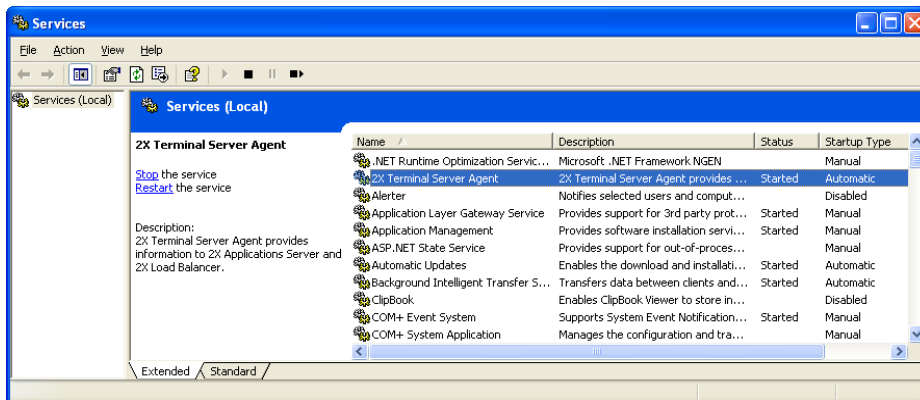


Figure 25 -The 2X Terminal Server Agent Service

NOTE: The terminal servers do not require configuration. The agent will collect the information required by the 2X Publishing Agent. Subsequently, the 2X Terminal Server Agent will forward the necessary information to the 2X Publishing Agent using the information collected. To ensure connectivity between 2X Publishing Agent and the terminal servers, after installing the 2X Terminal Server Agent, go to the Console GUI and on the Terminal Servers tab make sure you add all your terminal servers. Once you have finished this step, select a terminal server (one at a time) and press the '**Check Agent**' button. If the 2X Publishing Agent can communicate with the 2X Terminal Server Agent running on the terminal server, you will receive this message:

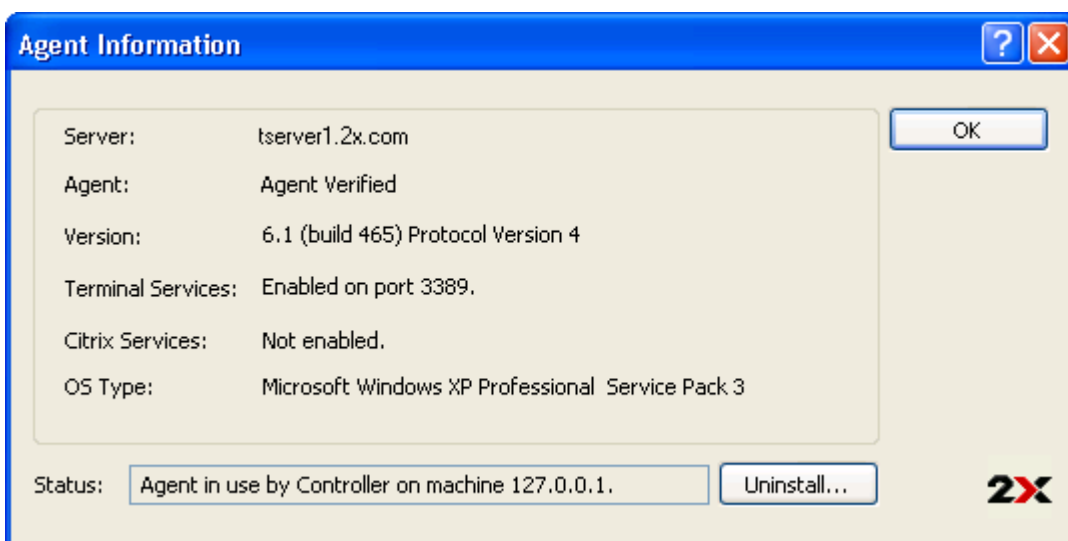


Figure 26 - Checking for 2X Terminal Server Agent on a terminal server.

INSTALLING THE 2X VDI AGENT

2X VDI Agent System requirements

- Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 2000 Server, Windows 2003 Server or Windows 2008 Server or Advanced Server.
- The same hardware requirements as specified by your virtualization software will apply.
- One of the supported virtualization software technology.
 - If you are planning to use VMware on Windows, make sure the VMware VmCOM Scripting API is installed. The following error will be displayed if VmCOM Scripting API is not detected: "VMware VmCom Scripting API' is not installed on the host. Please install this client component from the VMware installer."
 - If you are planning to use VMware v1.* on Linux, make sure the VMware VIX API for Linux is installed. The following error will be displayed if VIX API for Linux is not detected: "VMware VIX API for Linux is not installed on this host. Please download this component from <http://www.vmware.com>"
 - If you are planning to use Virtual Iron, make sure that you install Java Runtime Environment on the same machine where 2X VDI Agent is installed.

Installing the 2X VDI Agent remotely from 2X Console

2X VirtualDesktopServer offers the facility to install the 2X VDI Agent on each Virtual Desktop Host remotely from the 2X Console. This feature gives you the facility to control each Virtual Desktop Host from one central place.

In order to be able to install the 2X VDI Agents remotely, you must make sure that:

- You have administrative credentials to be able to install the required service.
- The service 'server' is running on the Virtual Desktop Host where you intend to install the 2X VDI Agent. This service is offered by MS Windows and is used for file, print, and named-pipe sharing over the network. This service is used to install the 2X VDI Agents remotely.

1. Launch the 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console and select the Virtual Desktop Hosts tab.

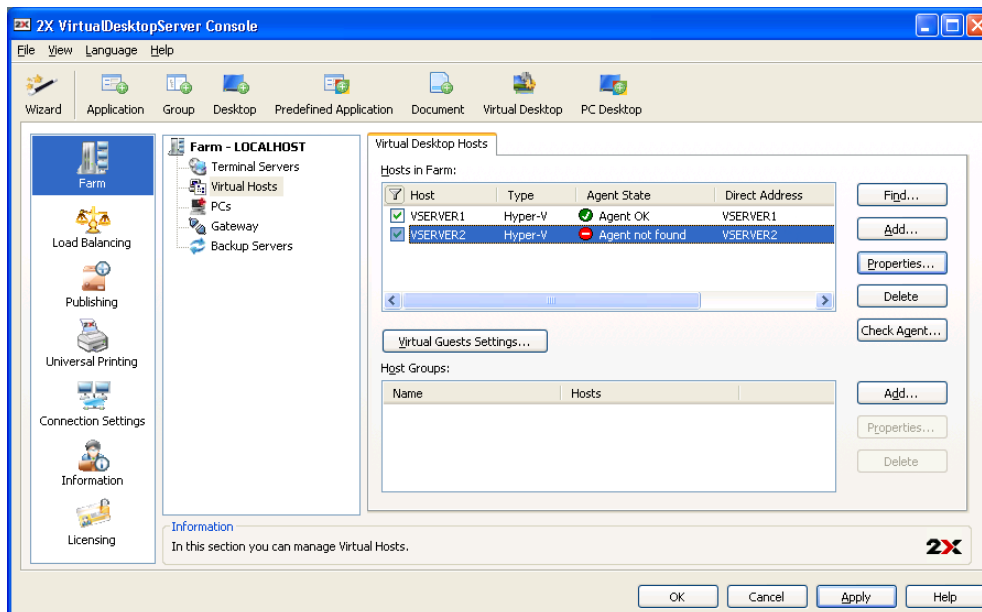


Figure 27 - Virtual Hosts page to add VDI Agents

2. You can use a similar method to that of installing the 2X Terminal Server Agent or you can click on '**Check Agent**' where a new dialog will load showing you the information about the 2X VDI Agent on the host you selected.

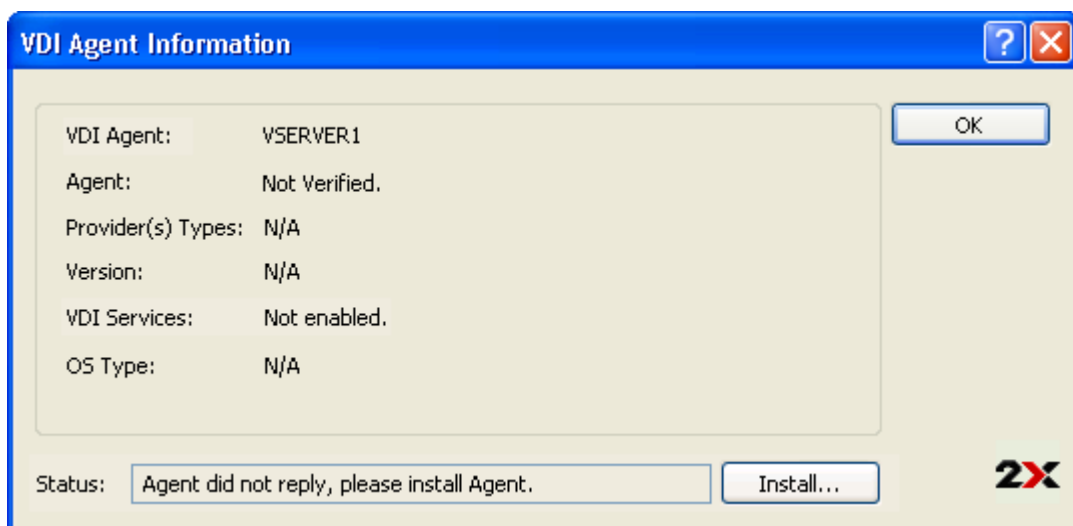


Figure 28 - 2X VDI Agent Information

3. Click '**Install**' to start installing the 2X VDI Agent on the selected host.
4. Enter administrative credentials to access the remote server.

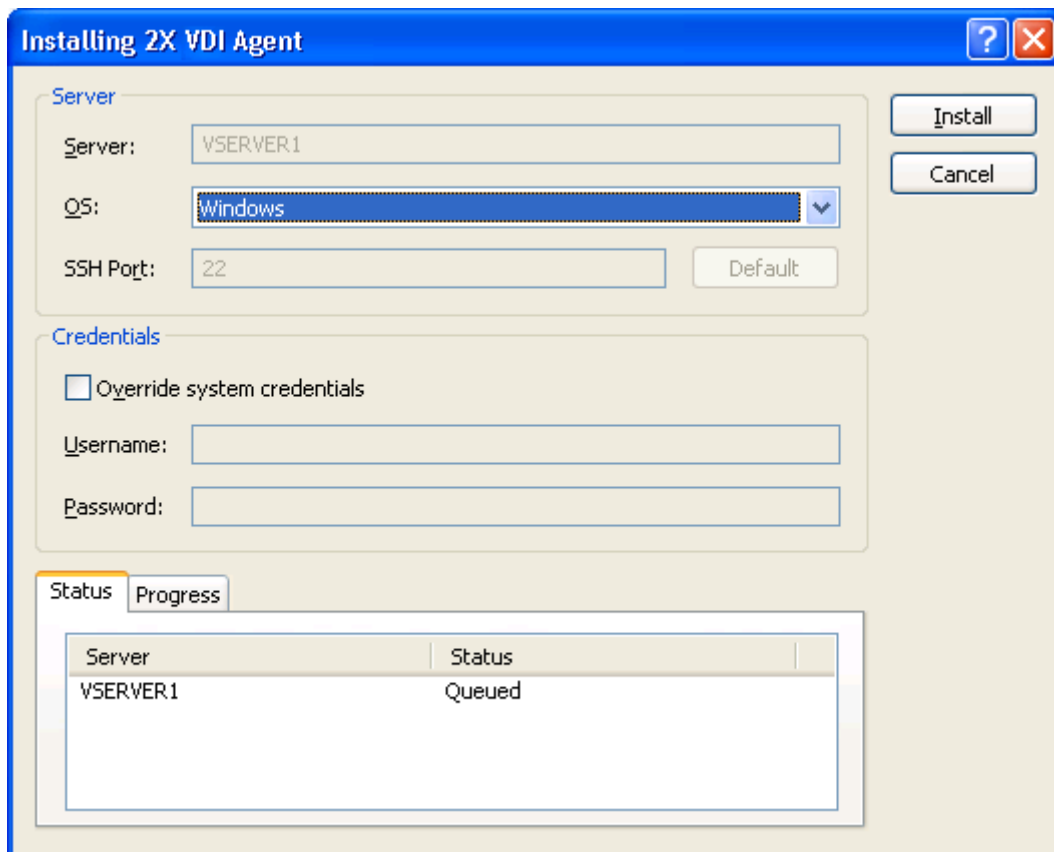


Figure 29 - Enter administrative credentials to install the 2X VDI Agent

5. Click **'Install'** after you've checked and possibly entered the administrative credentials.
6. Click **'Done'** when finished.

Installing the 2X VDI Agent Manually

Before starting the installation procedure, please make sure that you are logged on with administrator rights, and that the system requirements are met.

1. Log on to the Virtual Host
2. Run the 2X VirtualDesktopServer setup program by double clicking on the **'2XVDS.msi'** file. A welcome dialog will appear. Close other Windows programs and click **'Next'**.



Figure 30 - 2X VirtualDesktopServer Setup Program welcome screen.

3. Accept the License Agreement and click **'Next'**

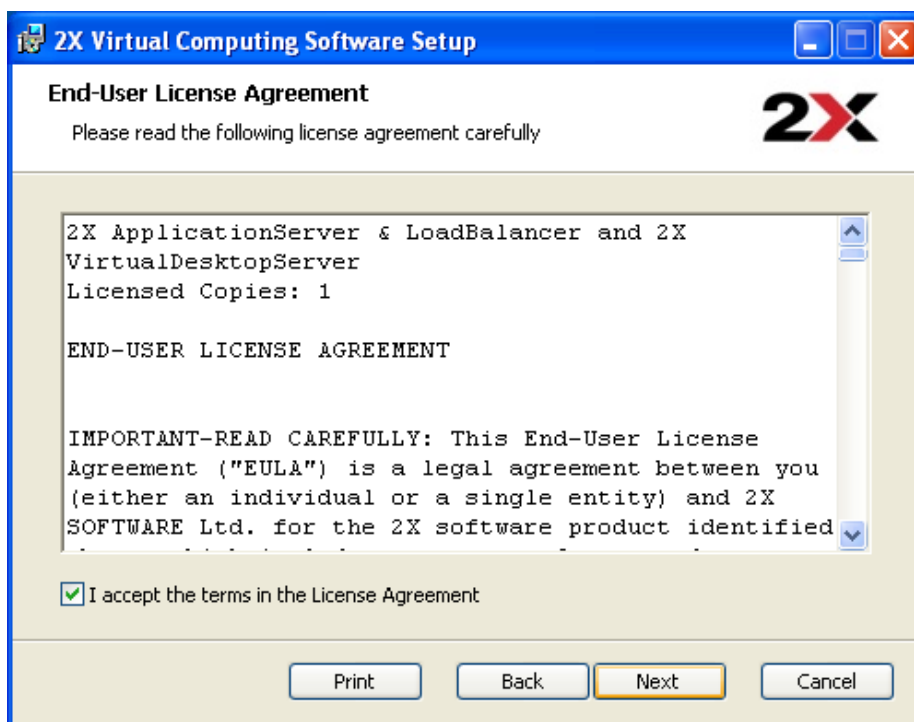


Figure 31 - The EULA.

4. Select the location where you want to install the 2X VDI Agent and click **'Next'**.

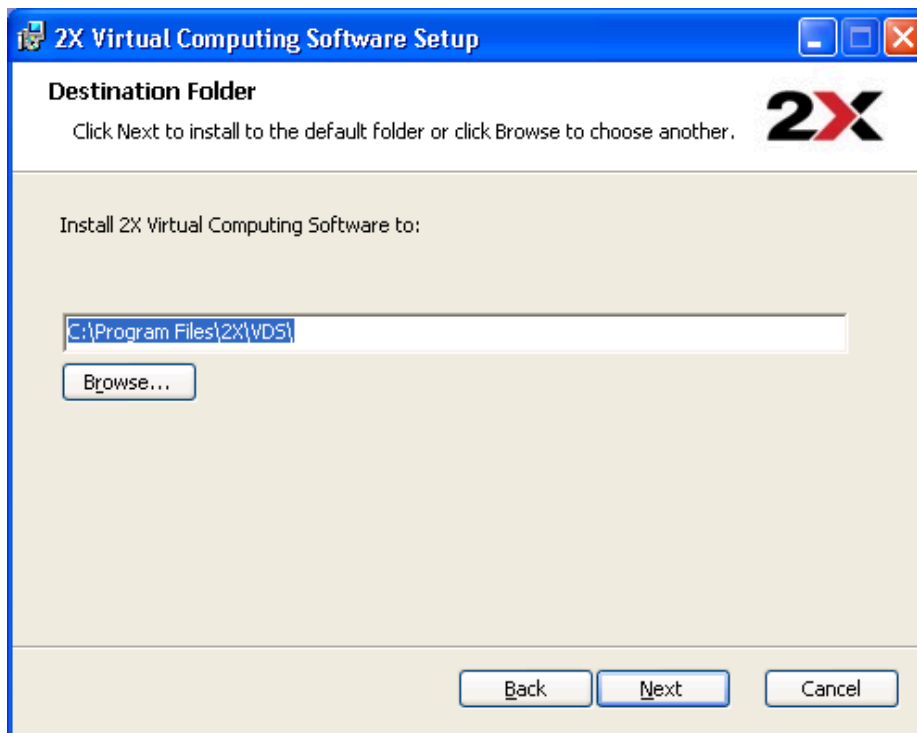


Figure 32 - Choosing the location where 2X VDI Agent will be installed.

5. First select the '**Custom**' radio button as the Installation type.

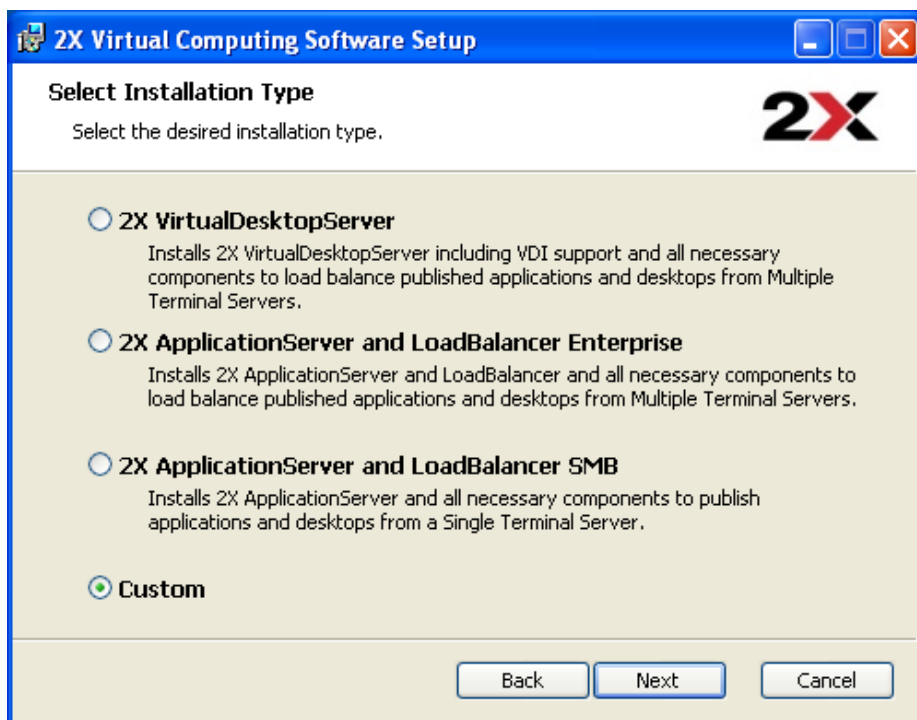


Figure 33 - Select Installation type: Custom.

6. Select '**2X VDI Agent**' only as shown in the figure below and click '**Next**'.

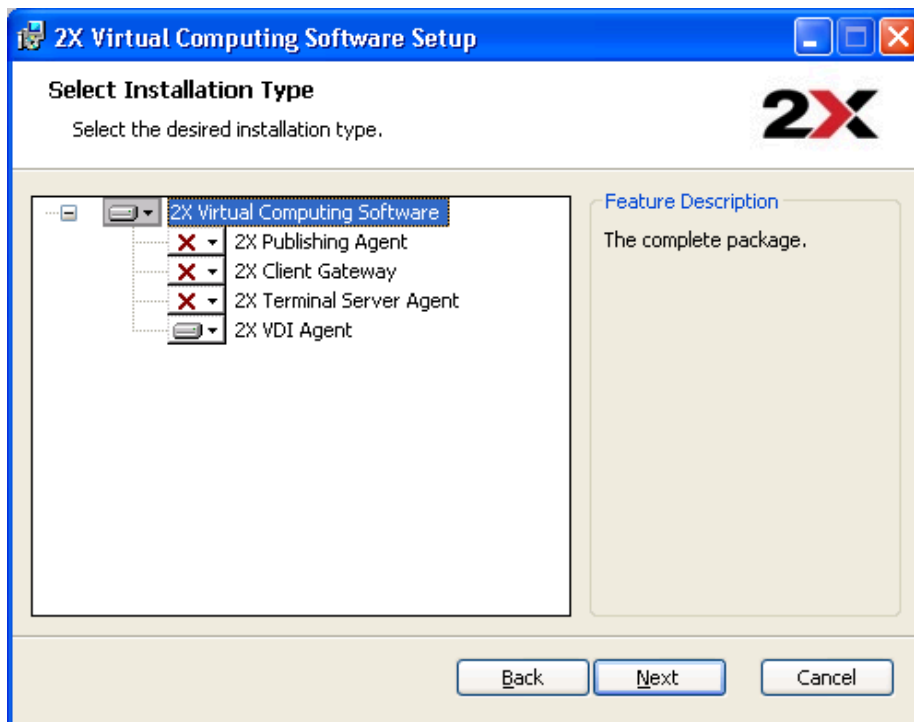


Figure 34 - Select only the 2X VDI Agent for installation.

7. To start the actual installation process, simply click '**Install**'.

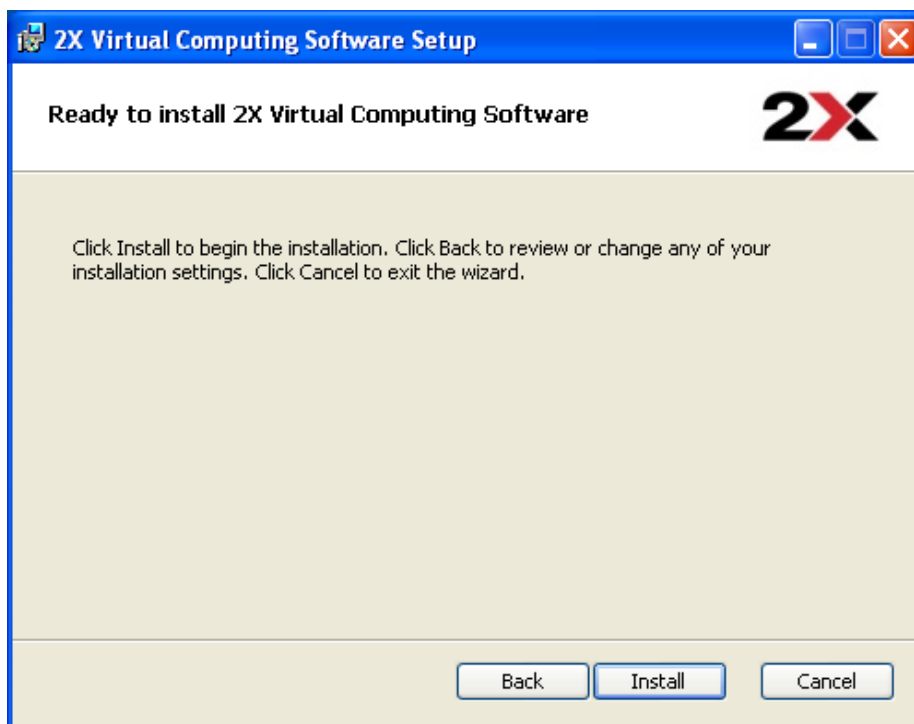


Figure 35 - Starting the installation program.

8. Setup will copy the required files and will create the service on the machine. After finishing you will see the status screen.



Figure 36 - Post-Installation status screen.

After the installation is complete (remotely or manual), you should see the '2X VDI Agent' service listed under 'Services' on the server where the agent has been installed.

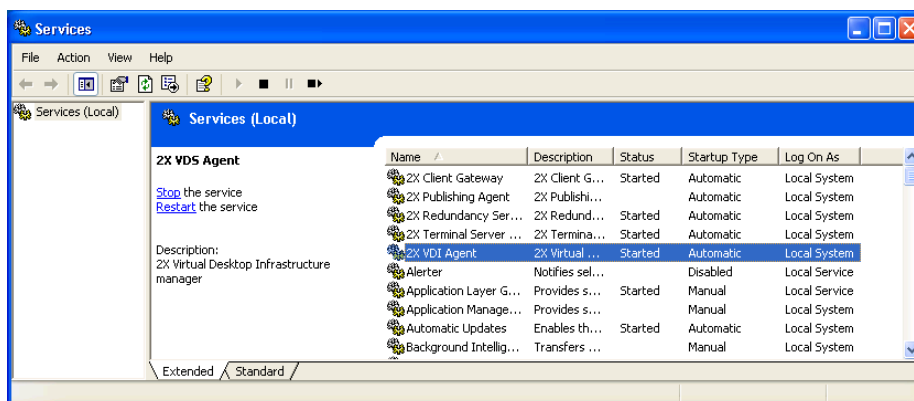


Figure 37 - The 2X VDI Agent Service

NOTE: The Virtual Desktop Hosts do not require configuration. The agent will collect the information required by the 2X Publishing Agent. Subsequently, the 2X VDI Agent will forward the necessary information to the 2X Publishing Agent using the information collected. To ensure connectivity between 2X Publishing Agent and the virtual host, after installing the 2X VDI Agent, go to the Console GUI and on the 'Virtual Desktop Hosts' tab make sure you add all your Virtual Desktop Hosts. Once you have finished this step, select a virtual host (one at a time) and press the '**Check Agent**' button. If the 2X Publishing Agent can communicate with the 2X VDI Agent running on the Virtual Desktop Host, you will receive this message:

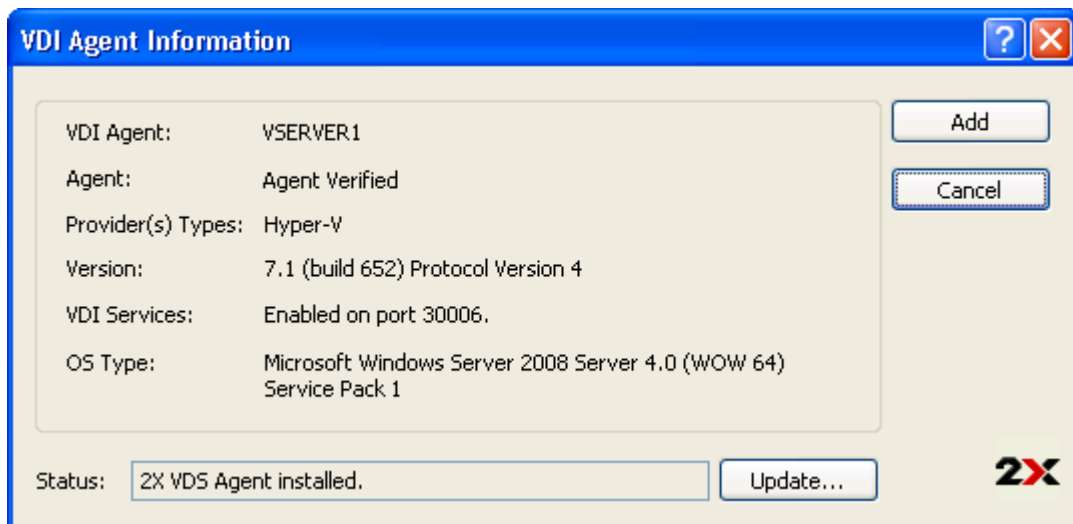


Figure 38 - Checking for 2X VDI Agent on a Virtual Desktop Host.

CONFIGURING 2X VIRTUALDESKTOPSERVER



Introduction to the configuration

After you have installed 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console, you can now launch the Console GUI and further configure it. If you have installed 2X ApplicationServer & LoadBalancer use the following instructions to configure it. You might not see certain options concerning the Virtual Desktop Infrastructure which are only available with the 2X VirtualDesktopServer installation.

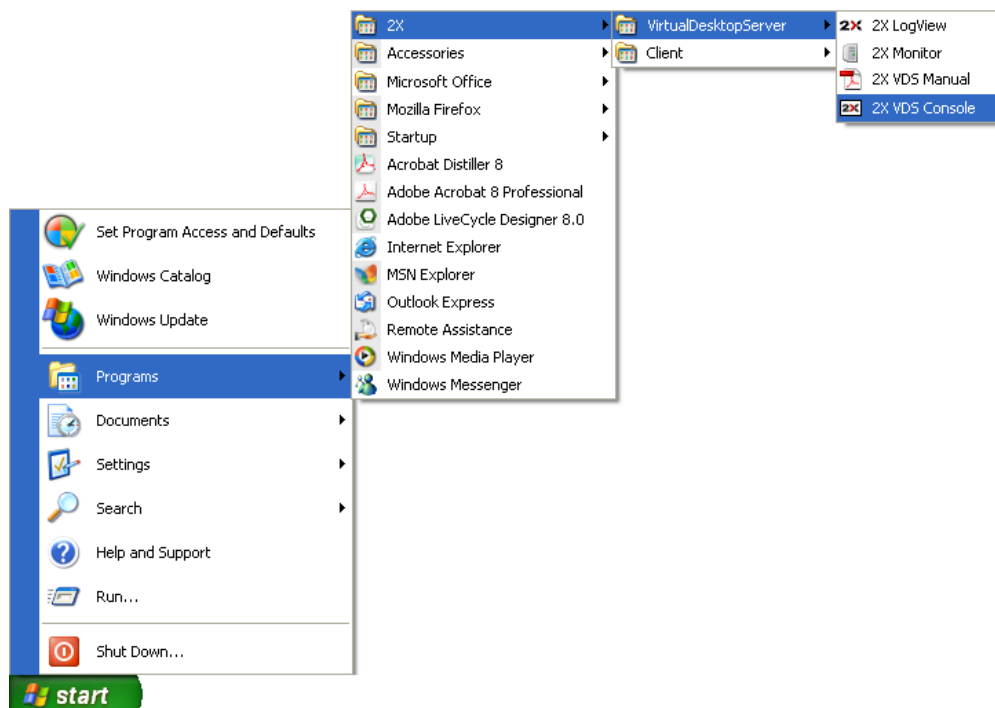


Figure 39 - Launching the 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console

To open the 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console:

Start > [All] Programs > 2X > VirtualDesktopServer > 2X VDS Console

Understanding the Console Environment

The 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console is a completely self-contained environment for publishing seamless applications, load balancing published desktop sessions, load balancing seamless applications, and load balancing Virtual Desktop Hosts, Terminal Server and/or Citrix sessions.

Components of the System

➤ **Farm**

In this page you can add Virtual Desktop Hosts, Microsoft Terminal Servers and Citrix Servers to the farm.

➤ **Load Balancing**

In this page you can choose the load balancing method to be used.

➤ **Publishing**

In this page you can publish applications, application groups, virtual desktops and desktops in a seamless way.

➤ **Universal Printing**

In this page you can enable Universal Printing to each Terminal Server.

➤ **Connection Settings**

In this page you may configure which port to use for each service.

➤ **Information**

In this page you can find information about the modules used, enable logging, and enable notification.

➤ **Licensing**

In this page you can review your license number for 2X VirtualDesktopServer products.

Console Environment – Publishing page

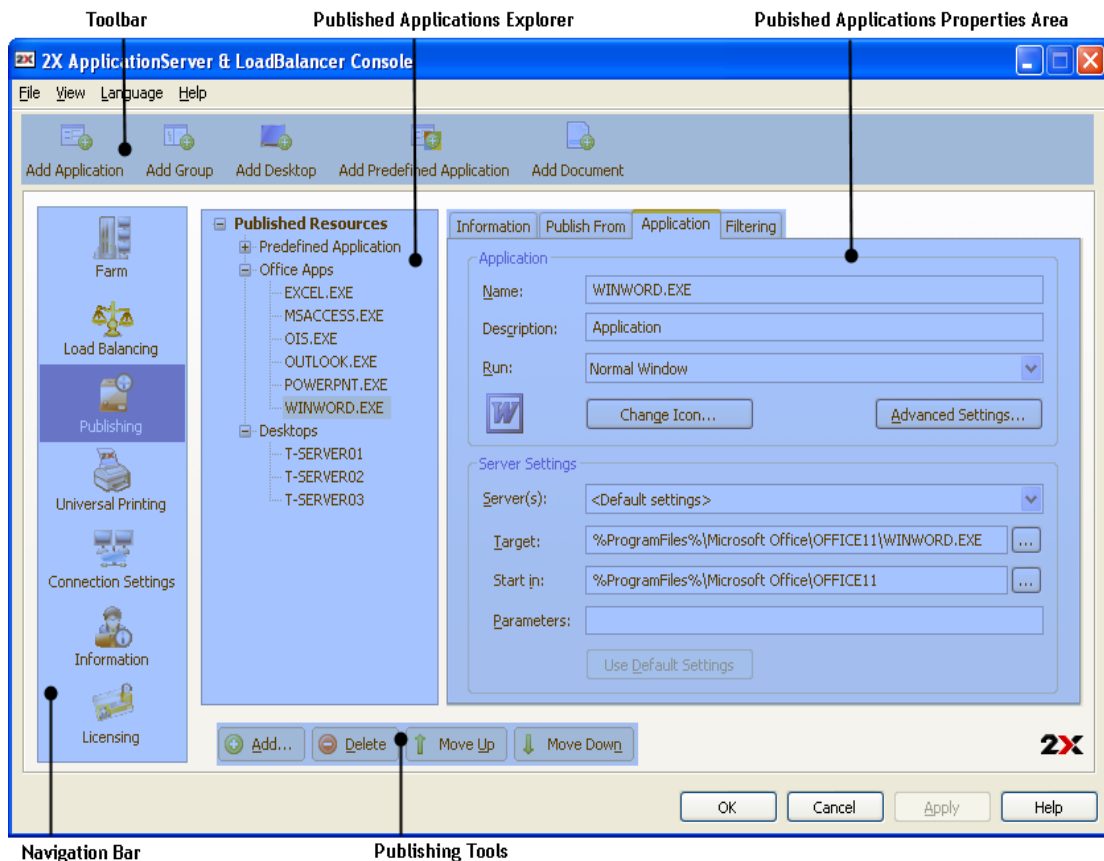


Figure 40 - Console Environment

The area to the left in above figure is the Navigation Bar, the right area shows the Published Applications Properties, the area in between represents the Published Applications Explorer while the area at the bottom represents the Publishing Tools.

- The **Navigation Bar** enables you to navigate through the main features offered by 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console. You can also select which main features are to be displayed from the View Menu.
- The **Published Applications Explorer** is a navigational tree which represents the organization of your published applications, application groups and desktops.
- The **Published Applications Properties** Area has up to four additional tabs that display 'Information', 'Publish From', 'Application' and 'Filtering' for each published application.
- In the **Publishing Tools** area you have the possibilities to add new published applications and organize them. From

this are you also have the possibility to publish your applications to the web.

- The **Toolbar** consists of a set of tools grouped together to provide quick and convenient access to commonly-performed operations.

Console Environment – Farm, Load Balancing, Universal Printing, Connection Settings, Information and Licensing pages.

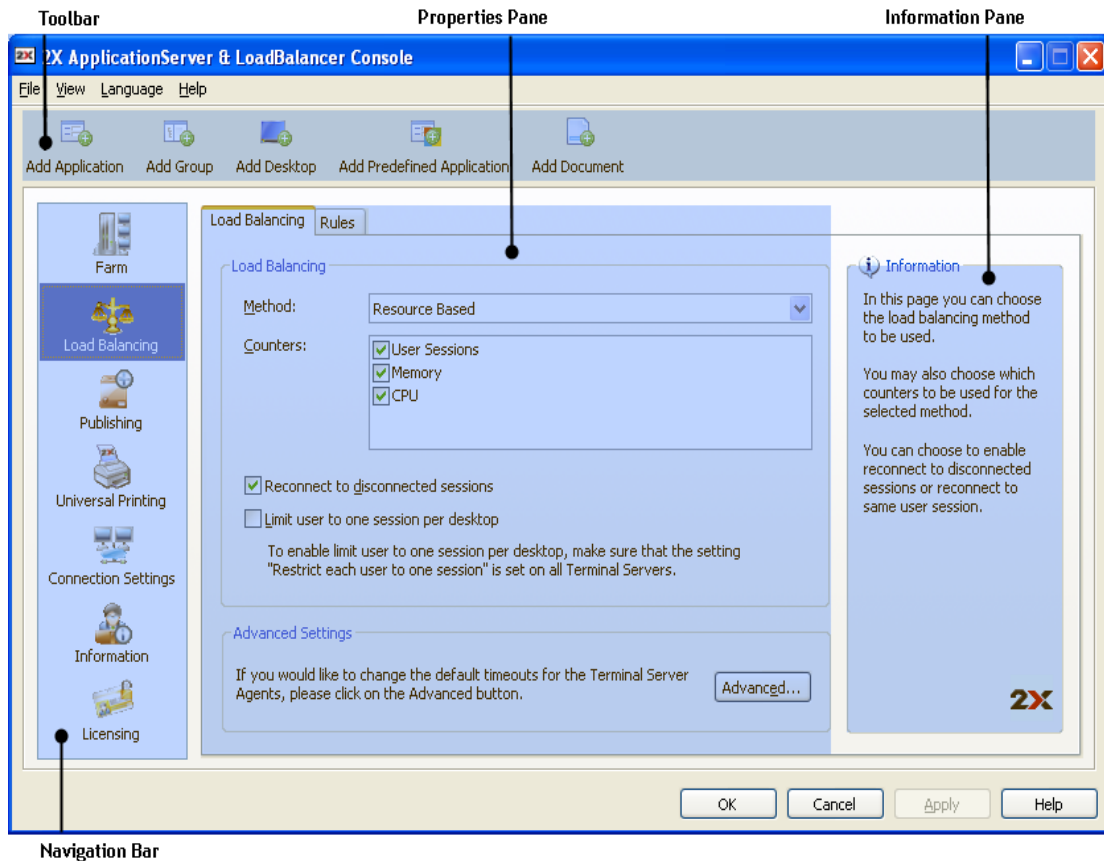


Figure 41 - Console Environment – Farm, Load Balancing, Universal Printing, Connection Settings, Information and Licensing pages

The area to the left in the above figure is the Navigation Bar, the right area shows the Information Pane, while the area in between represents the Properties Pane.

- The **Navigation Bar** enables you to navigate through the main features offered by 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console. You can also select which main features are to be displayed from the View Menu.
- The **Properties Pane** is the main area from where you can edit and modify each configuration.
- The **Information Pane** gives a quick look and summary about the particular selected page.
- The **Toolbar** consists of a set of tools grouped together to provide quick and convenient access to commonly-performed operations.

Main 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console Settings

Backup & Restore

2X VirtualDesktopServer gives you the ability to backup and restore the configuration. The entire configuration is saved to a '.dat' file in XML format. This can be useful to backup the configuration or distribute the same settings across other 2X Consoles.

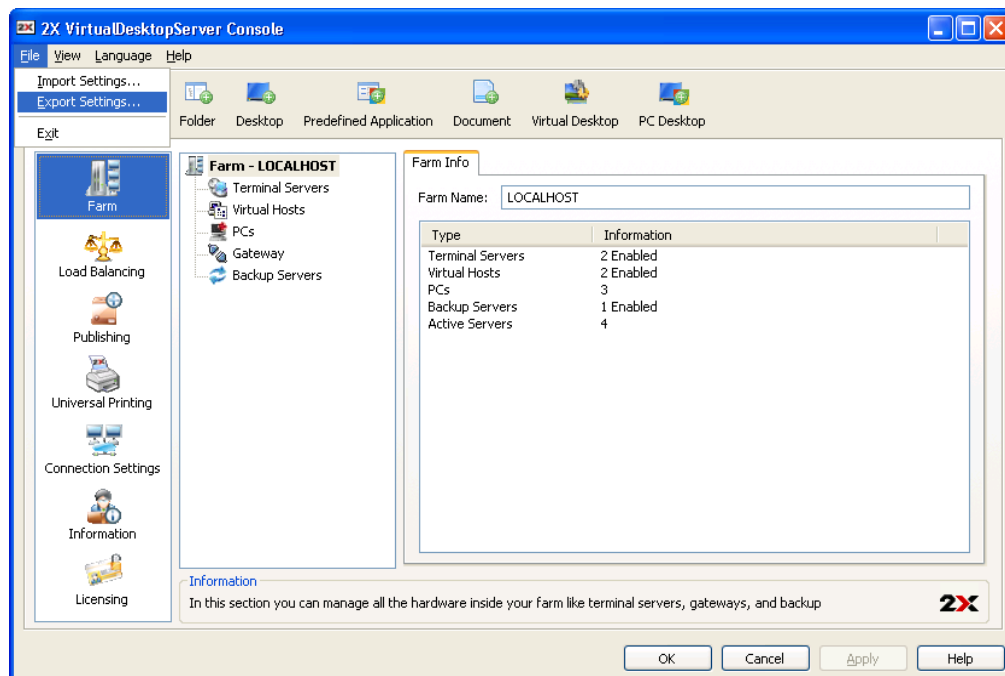


Figure 42 - File – Import Settings and Export Settings

To **backup settings** – Click File and 'Export Settings...' and save the .dat file in a safe place.

To **restore settings** – Click File and 'Import Settings...' and open the .dat file. The settings will be retrieved and activated after you click the 'Apply' button.

The configuration files include all the settings that you're able to configure through the console. This includes the list of terminal servers, load balancing methods, list of applications, connection settings and the license keys.

This can be useful to backup the configuration and distribute the same settings across other installations of 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console.

View

The View Menu enables you to navigate through the main features offered by 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console. One can also choose to view or not to view the toolbar from this menu.

Language

To change the Language to your preferred language, click on 'Language' from the Main Menu. This function allows you to change the language that is displayed in your 2X Console interface. The default language will use the language that is configured in the Regional and Language Options.

Manual

To access this manual while you're using the Console, click the 'Help' from the Main Menu and select 'Manual...'.

Context Help

To obtain contextual help about a particular field or control in the console, click 'Help' from the Main Menu and select 'Context Help'. This Context Help will be shown as active when the mouse pointer is changed to a '?' pointer. Clicking items with this pointer will display the relevant help for the particular field or control. You may also use the 'F1' button or the 'Help' button located in the right-bottom of the console to display the contextual help.

Order Online

To order online while you're using the Console click 'Help' from the Main Menu and select 'Order online...'. A new page will open in your default browser which will guide you how to order this product.

Send Support Request

To send a query to 2X Support click on 'Help' from the main menu and select 'Send Support Request'. This will load a form where you will be able to enter your details and information about your problem. Note that the application will automatically send your settings and the current log file so that 2X Support can replicate your problem. You can also send an attachment with your query such as a screenshot to support your query.

Toolbar Settings

To customize the toolbar, right click in the Toolbar area and select 'Customize...'. One can customize the button and icon view according to his likes.

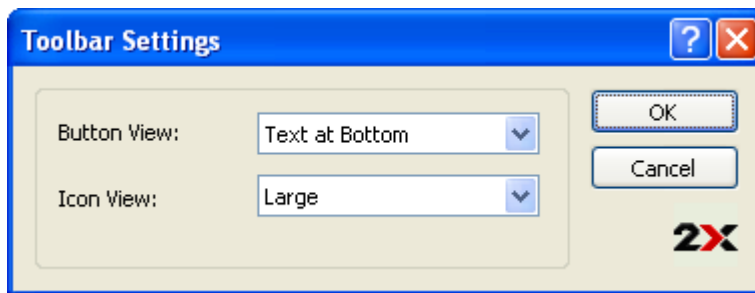
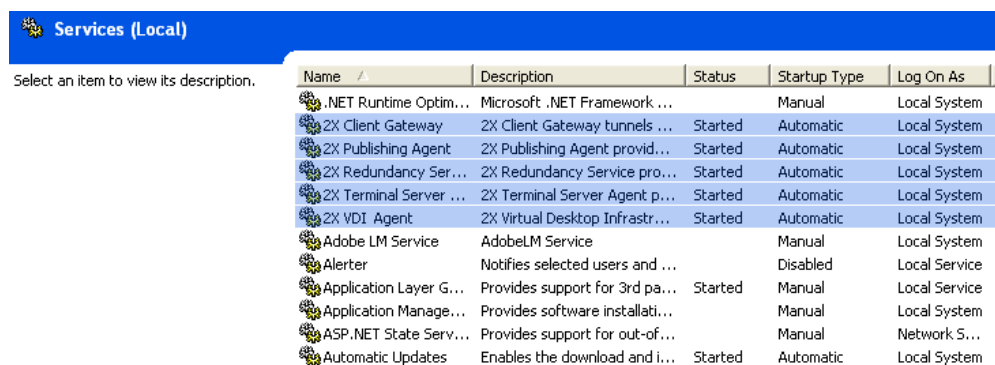


Figure 43 - Toolbar Settings

GENERAL TERMINAL SERVICES CONFIGURATION

2X VirtualDesktopServer Services

To start, stop and configure 2X VirtualDesktopServer Services, run the Microsoft Management Console 'Services.msc'. 2X VirtualDesktopServer services are configured to start automatically when the system starts. The services installed depend on the installation you selected.



The screenshot shows the 'Services (Local)' window in Windows. It contains a table of installed services. The 2X services listed are: 2X Client Gateway, 2X Publishing Agent, 2X Redundancy Service, 2X Terminal Server Agent, and 2X VDI Agent. All these services are set to 'Automatic' startup type and are currently 'Started'.

Name	Description	Status	Startup Type	Log On As
.NET Runtime Optim...	Microsoft .NET Framework ...		Manual	Local System
2X Client Gateway	2X Client Gateway tunnels ...	Started	Automatic	Local System
2X Publishing Agent	2X Publishing Agent provid...	Started	Automatic	Local System
2X Redundancy Ser...	2X Redundancy Service pro...	Started	Automatic	Local System
2X Terminal Server ...	2X Terminal Server Agent p...	Started	Automatic	Local System
2X VDI Agent	2X Virtual Desktop Infrastr...	Started	Automatic	Local System
Adobe LM Service	AdobeLM Service		Manual	Local System
Alerter	Notifies selected users and ...	Disabled	Disabled	Local Service
Application Layer G...	Provides support for 3rd pa...	Started	Manual	Local Service
Application Manage...	Provides software installati...		Manual	Local System
ASP.NET State Serv...	Provides support for out-of...		Manual	Network S...
Automatic Updates	Enables the download and i...	Started	Automatic	Local System

Figure 44 - 2X Client Gateway, 2X Publishing Agent, 2X Redundancy Service and 2X Terminal Server Agent, 2X VDI Agent

2X Publishing Agent - provides load balanced applications and desktop publishing.

2X Terminal Server Agent - provides information to 2X VirtualDesktopServer and 2X LoadBalancer.

2X Redundancy Service - provides redundancy to 2X VirtualDesktopServer

2X Client Gateway - tunnels all traffic needed by 2X applications on a single port and provides secure connections.

2X VDI Agent – provides information to the 2X VirtualDesktopServer

NOTE: All users who are connected via the 2X Client Gateway will be disconnected if the 2X Client Gateway service is stopped or restarted. Note that the default port (80) may already be in use (for example, by an HTTP server) – in this case it will be necessary to use a port number not being used by other local services.

MS Terminal Server settings

With Terminal Services Configuration, you can reconfigure the properties of the RDP-TCP connection, which includes limiting the amount of time client sessions can remain active on the server, setting protection levels for encryption, and selecting which permissions you want users and groups to have. Some connection properties can also be configured on a per-user basis using Terminal Services Group Policies or the Terminal Services extension to Local Users and Groups. For example, you can set different session time limits for each user when you use the Terminal Services extension to Local Users and Groups. Using Terminal Services Configuration, you can only set session time limits on a per-connection basis, which means the same time limit applies to all users who log on to the server using the connection.

Launch “Terminal Services Configuration” from the Administrative Tools Submenu (in the Start menu).

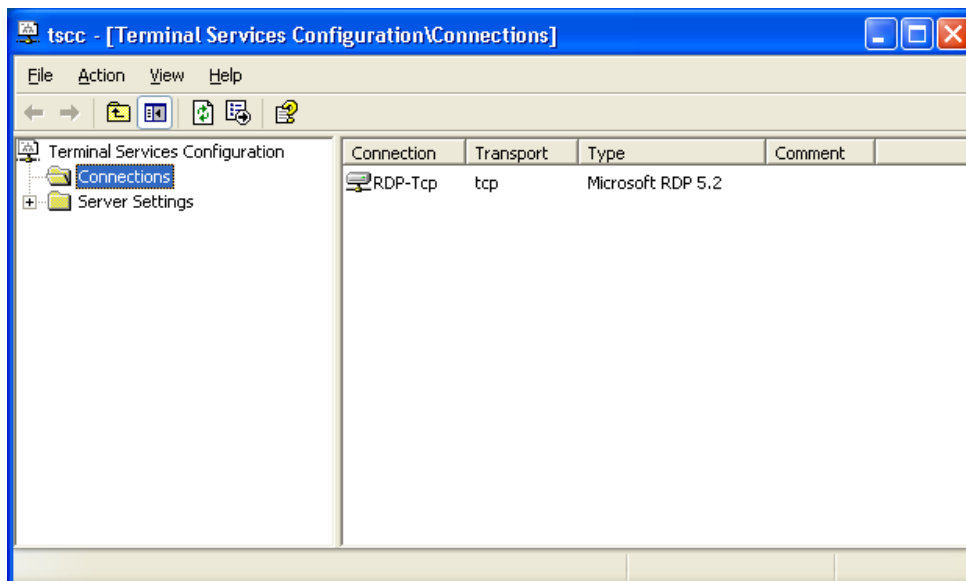


Figure 45 - Configuring Terminal Services Connections

Restrict each user to one session

To conserve server resources and simplify reconnecting to disconnected sessions, you can restrict each user to a single session. To change this attribute select “Server Settings” and double-click the ‘Restrict each user to one session’ option. Ticking the check box in the resulting dialog will enable the restriction, and therefore enable reconnections to previously-disconnected user sessions. This feature is configurable in the “Load Balancing” page in the 2X VirtualDesktopServer.

Logon Settings

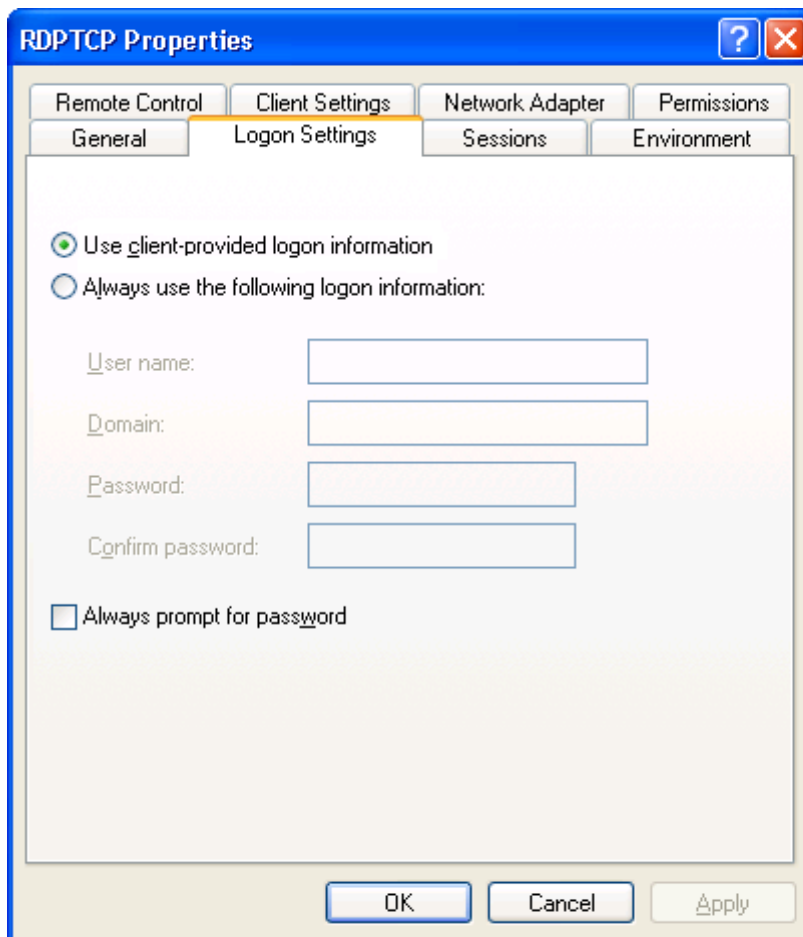


Figure 46 - Logon Settings

Ensure your Terminal Server is set to NOT prompt for a password on the RDP-TCP listener otherwise clients will not be able to launch the applications using the credentials saved on the 2X Client, forcing unnecessary repeated authentication cycles. Select "Connections" and double-click the "RDP-TCP" option. In the "Logon Settings" tab make sure that the checkbox "Always prompt for password" is unchecked.

Environment

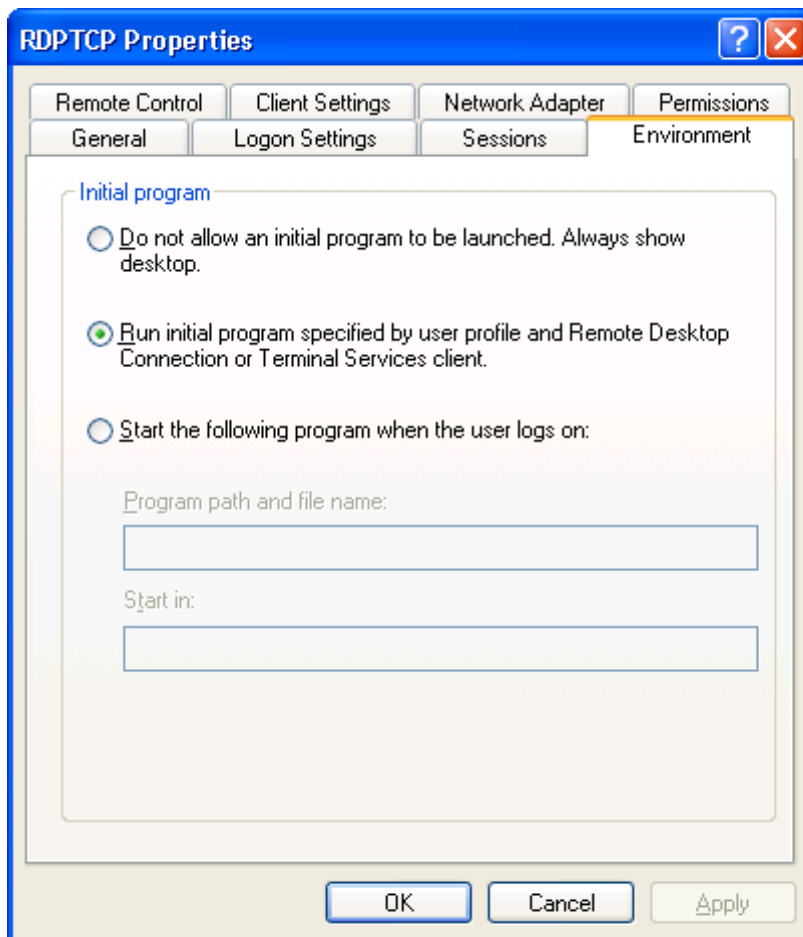


Figure 47 - Environment

To be able to launch the seamless published applications from the 2X VirtualDesktopServer, select "Connections" and double-click the "RDP-TCP" option. In the "Environment" tab make sure that the option "Run initial program specified by user profile and Remote Desktop Connection or Terminal Services Client" is ENABLED.

FARM



The Farm category is offered in all the installation option. The difference is that in the **Small to Medium Business Edition** you can only use one (1) server and in **Enterprise Edition** and **2X VirtualDesktopServer** you can add multiple Terminal Servers or Citrix Servers or Virtual Hosts (only in **2X VirtualDesktopServer**) to the farm. **Small to Medium Business Edition** does not support Citrix Servers.

Farm – ASLB Small to Medium Business Edition

Terminal Server

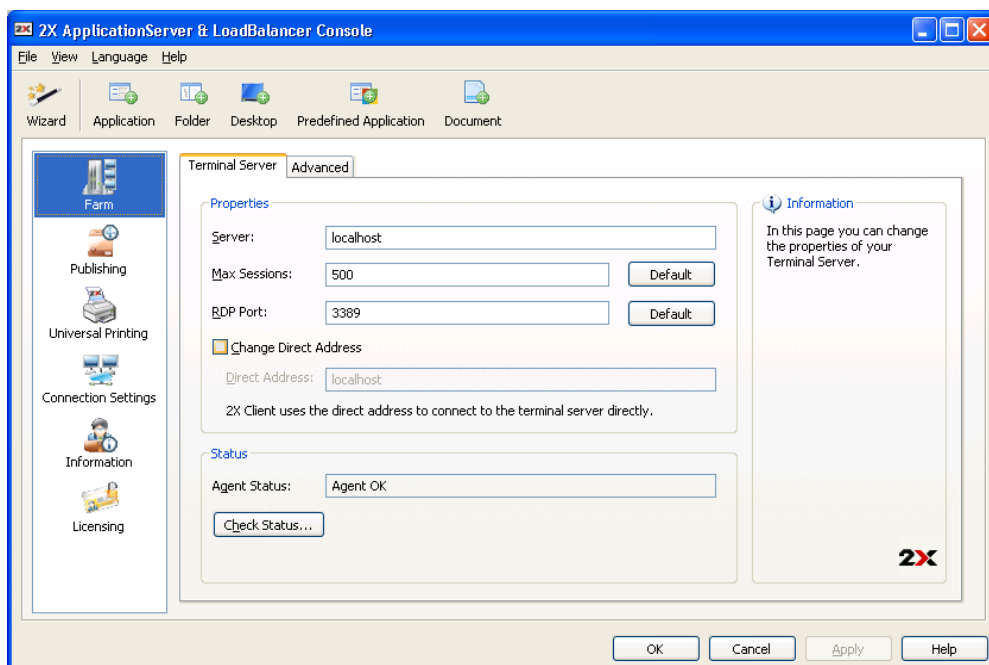


Figure 48 - Terminal Server Tab – Small to Medium Business Edition

Properties

To change the Server name or IP address of a particular Terminal Server use the 'Server' field.

Next you can type the maximum number of sessions you want this server to accept. You also have to specify the RDP port that will be used to connect a session.

In the RDP settings one can configure the direct address by checking 'Change Direct Address' checkbox and type a new direct address. This address is used in Direct Connection mode only (this is an internal or external IP address) depending where the clients will be. If external, these IP addresses must be assigned at your firewall to your servers).

Status

You can also check the agent status through the Terminal Server tab. This is used to check out your agent information. You can accomplish this by clicking the "**Check Agent**" button. A dialog with the agent information will pop up.

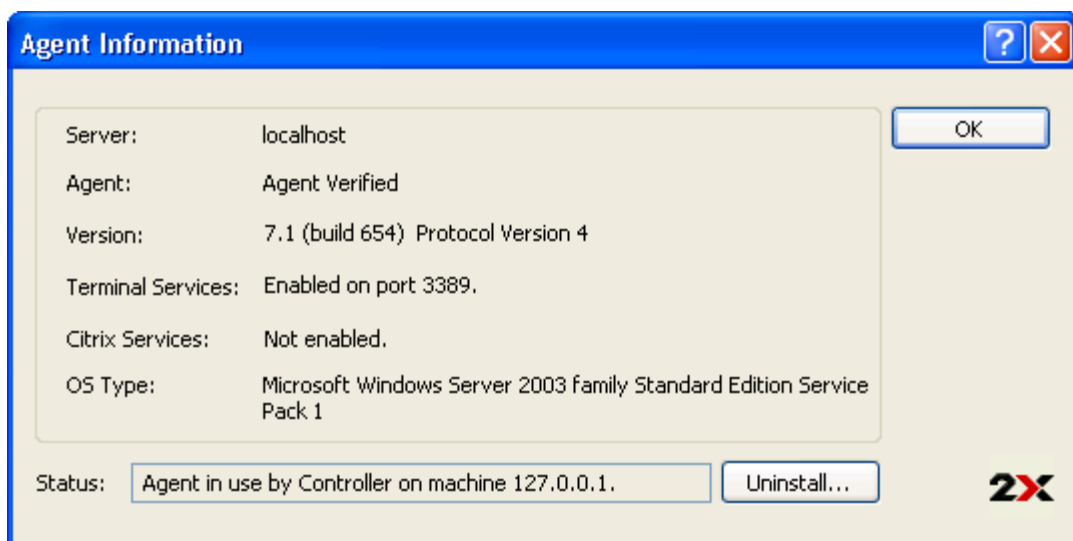


Figure 49 - Agent Information Dialog

Advanced

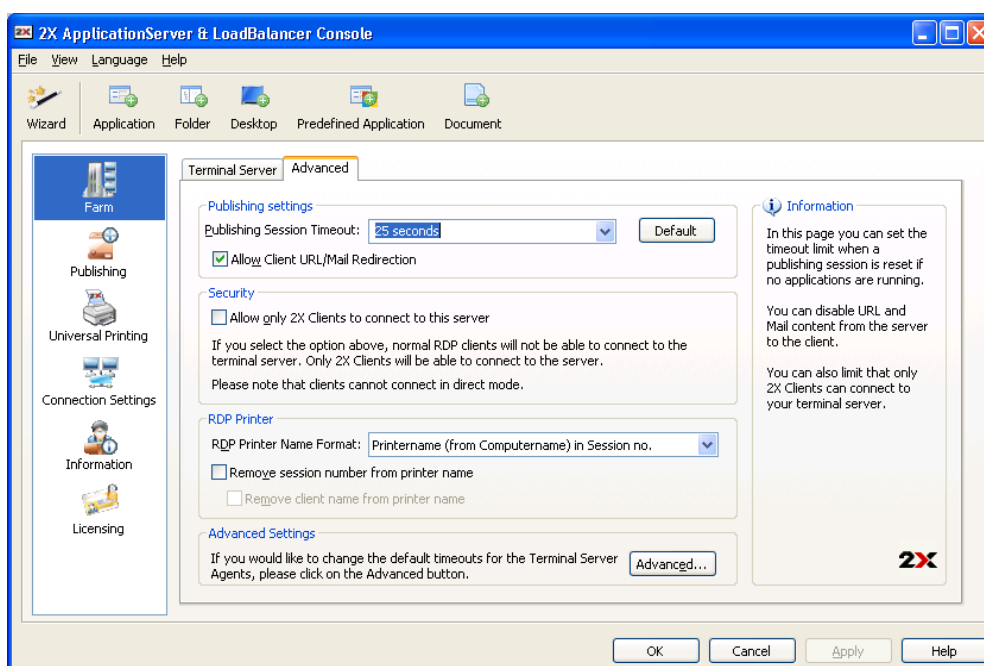


Figure 50 - Agent Information Dialog

Publish Settings

The publishing session timeout is the amount of time that each session will stay connected in the background after the user has closed all the published applications before disconnecting from the server. This is done to avoid unnecessary reconnection with the server.

One can also choose to allow URL/Mail redirection on the client. This option provides that ability that http and mailto links will be opened using local applications instead of using the resources on the Terminal Server.

Security

The security feature provided is that to only allow 2X Clients to connect to the server, this will switch off RDP and only allow 2X Client connections. You can enable security by checking the “Allow only 2X Client to connect to this server.”

RDP Printer

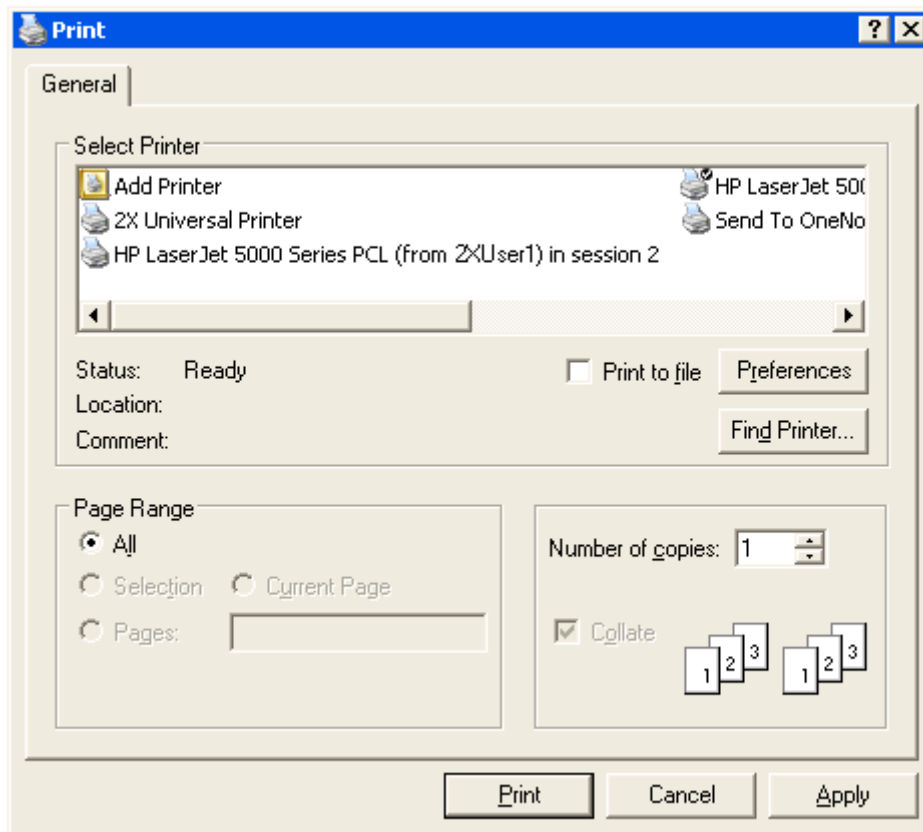


Figure 51 - Printer Settings with Redirected Printer

Using the 'RDP Printer Name Format' you can choose the format of the printer name displayed on the Terminal Server. 2X VirtualDesktopServer offers the feature to remove either the client name, session number or both. This is done by checking "Remove session number from printer name" and "Remove client name from printer name".

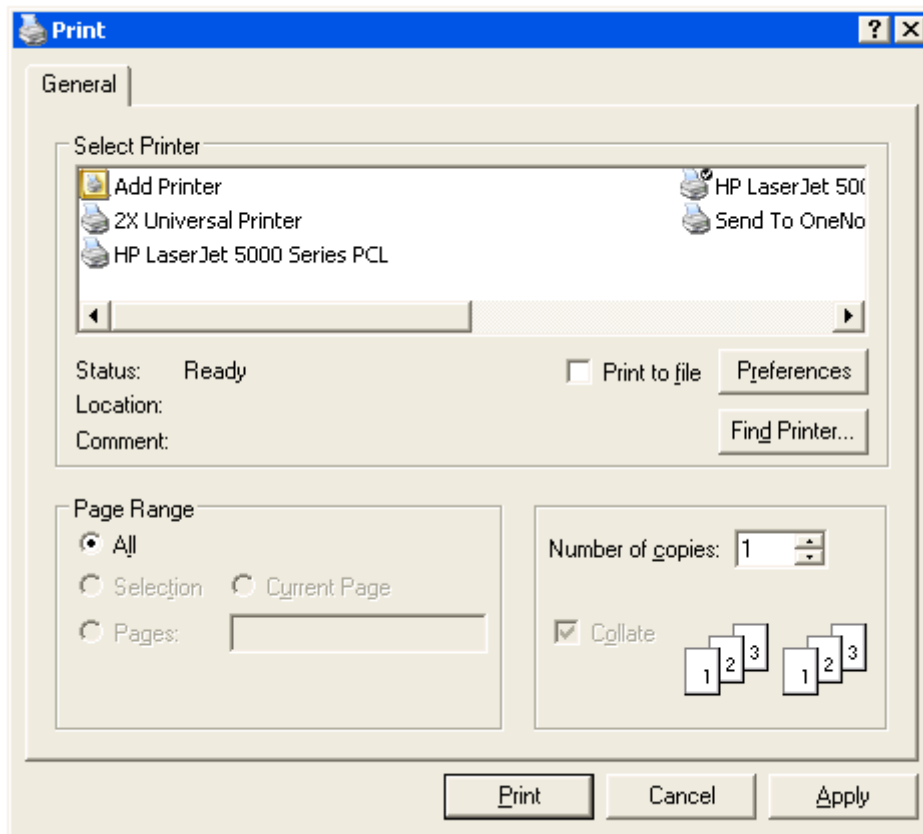


Figure 52 - Printer Settings with Redirected Printer, Removed Client Name and Session Number

Advanced

The advanced settings let you change the default timeouts for the Terminal Server Agents, to access the advanced settings just click “**Advanced...**”

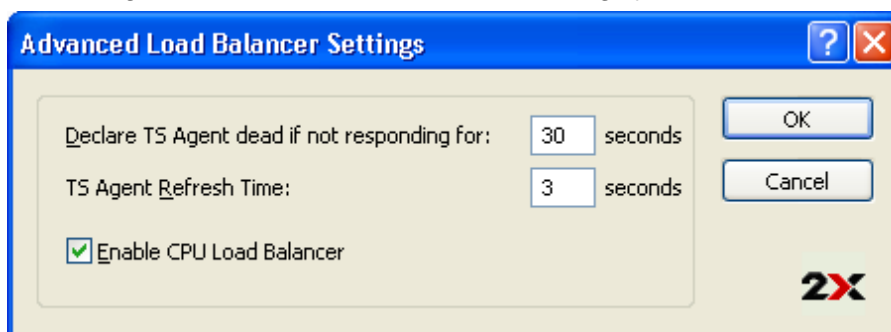


Figure 53 - Advanced Load Balancer Settings

Declare TS Agent dead.

This option is the amount of time that the 2X Publishing Agent should wait without a reply from each 2X Terminal Server Agent before declaring that particular Agent as dead.

TS Agent Refresh Time

This option is the amount of time that the 2X Publishing Agent should re-check the connection with each 2X Terminal Server Agent.

Enable CPU Load Balancer

The CPU Load Balancer has an important role in the 2X Terminal Server Agent as when enabled it can control those processes that are using the most CPU. This can be done as the 2X Terminal Server Agent (2XAgent.exe) is given a High base priority and when the Terminal Server CPU exceeds 95%, the process that is using most CPU is given a low priority. With this option enabled, when the CPU is over 95%, other sessions and other applications will continue to operate normally.

Farm – ASLB Enterprise Edition

Terminal Servers

In this page you can add Terminal Servers or Citrix Servers to the farm. You have two options to add Servers to the farm. You can either automatically search for available Terminal Servers or Citrix Servers within your domain by clicking the 'Find...' button or you can click on the 'Add...' button to manually add the Terminal Servers or Citrix Servers.

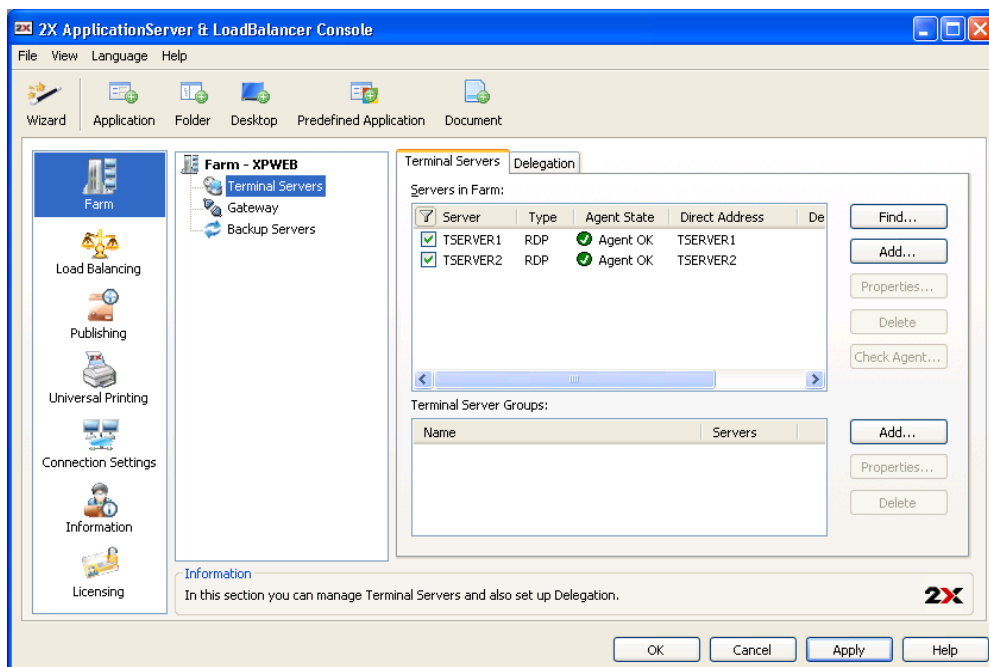


Figure 54 - Add Terminal Servers or Citrix Servers to the farm – Enterprise Edition

NOTE: The checkbox next to the server name indicates the particular server is available to users on this farm. To disable a server temporarily, uncheck this checkbox.

Find

Click the 'Find...' button to automatically search for available Terminal Servers and Citrix Servers.

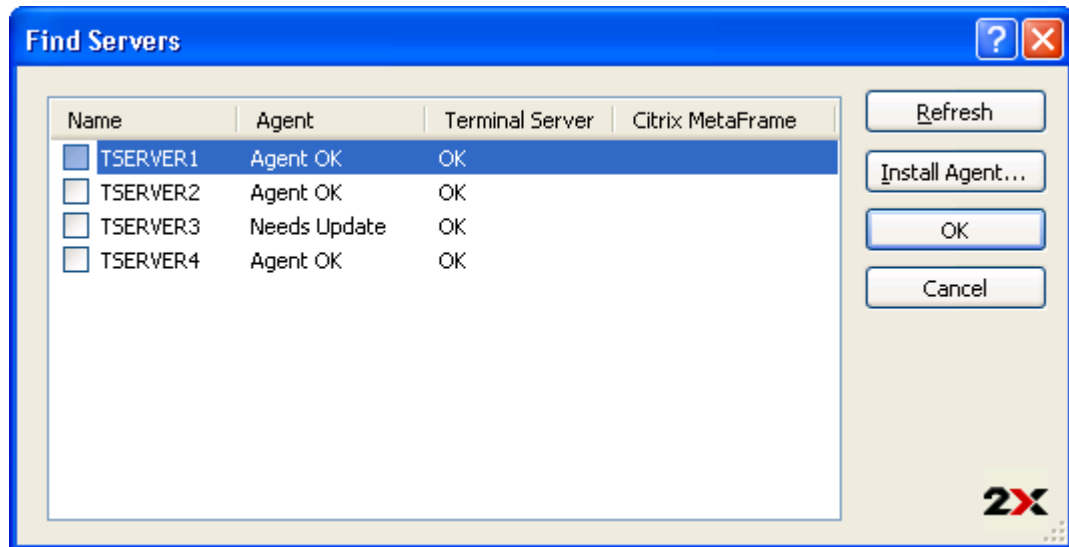


Figure 55 - Find available Terminal Servers

All Terminal Servers and Citrix Servers within your domain will appear on the list of available servers to your farm, also identifying terminal server type (Windows or Citrix) and availability of 2X Terminal Server Agent on the respective server. To add a server to the farm, enable the checkbox in front of the server name. Click the 'OK' button to commit changes.

NOTE: It will be necessary to install 2X Terminal Server Agent on all Terminal Servers and Citrix Servers before they can successfully participate in a load-balanced farm.

Add a Terminal Server

To manually **add** a Server to your farm click the 'Add...' button and then type the Server name or IP address in the 'Server:' field as shown in the figure below. Then click 'Next'.

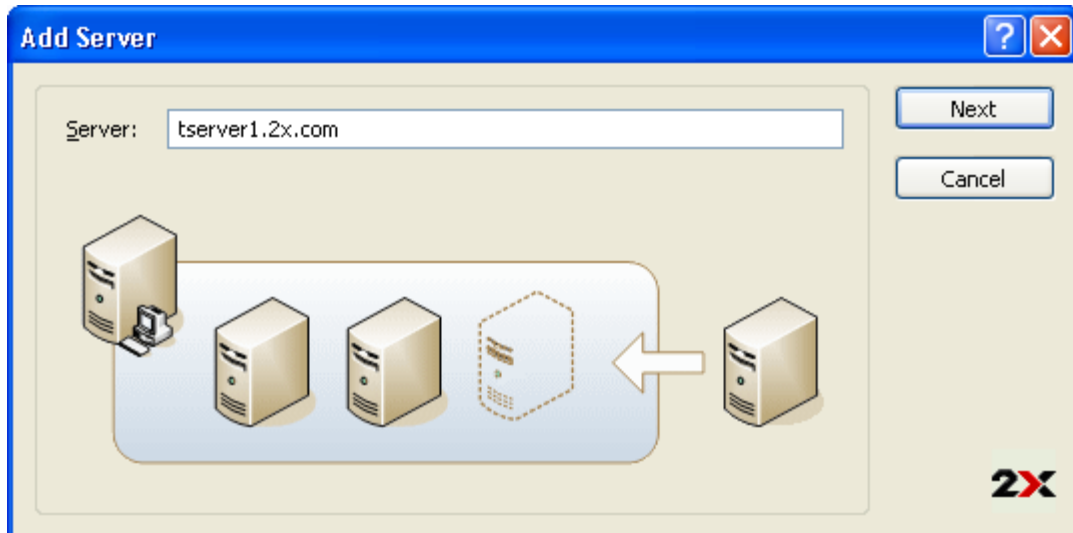


Figure 56 - Configure each server properties

2X VirtualDesktopServer will check whether 2X Terminal Server Agent is installed. Check the status and if the status states that the Agent did not reply or service is not installed, click the '**Install...**' button. Please refer to the chapter entitled "[Installing the 2X Terminal Server Agent remotely from 2X Console](#)" - for more information about how to install the 2X Terminal Server Agent.

Click 'Add' if the status states that the Agent is already installed.

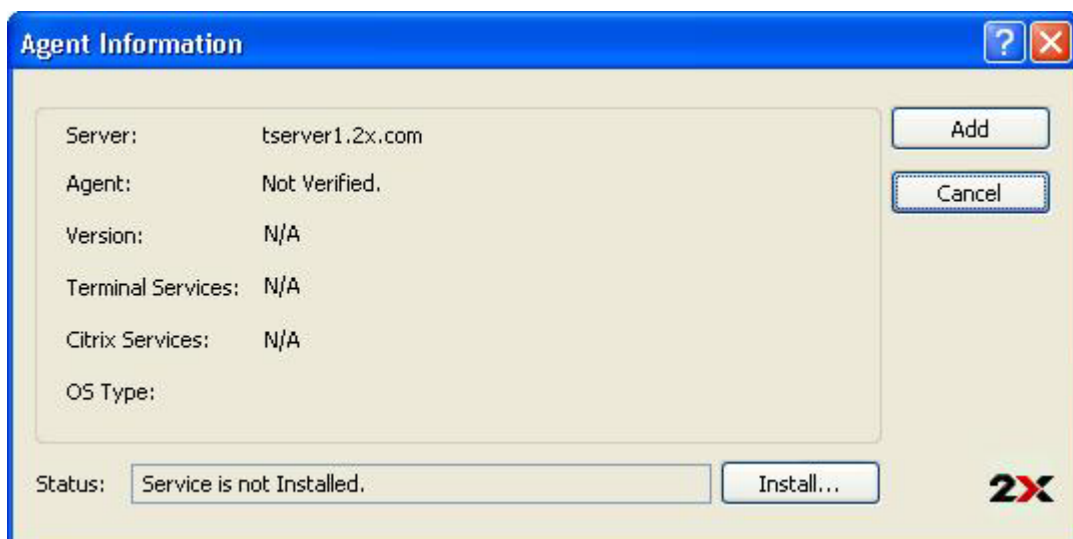


Figure 57 – Add Terminal Server

Edit a Terminal Server

To **edit** the configuration of each Server, select the particular Server and click the 'Properties...' button. You can also double click each Server to edit its configuration.

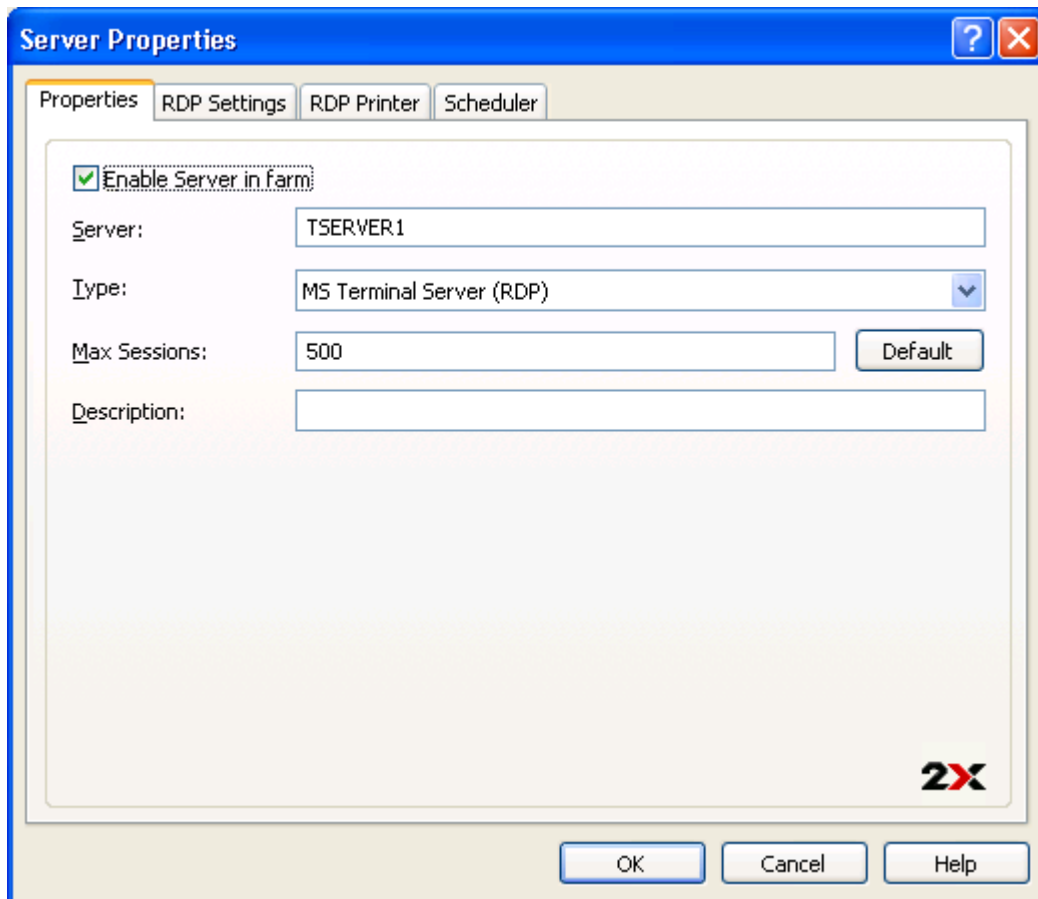


Figure 58 - Terminal Server Tab – Small to Medium Business Edition

Properties

You can enable or disable the use of the Terminal Server in the farm by using the 'Enable Server in farm' checkbox.

To change the Server name or IP address of a particular Terminal Server use the 'Server' field. Each Terminal Server can be configured to accept RDP traffic, ICA traffic or both from the 'Type' field.

Next you can type the maximum number of sessions you want this server to accept. A 'Description' can be entered for each to clearly identify the different Terminal Server.

RDP Settings

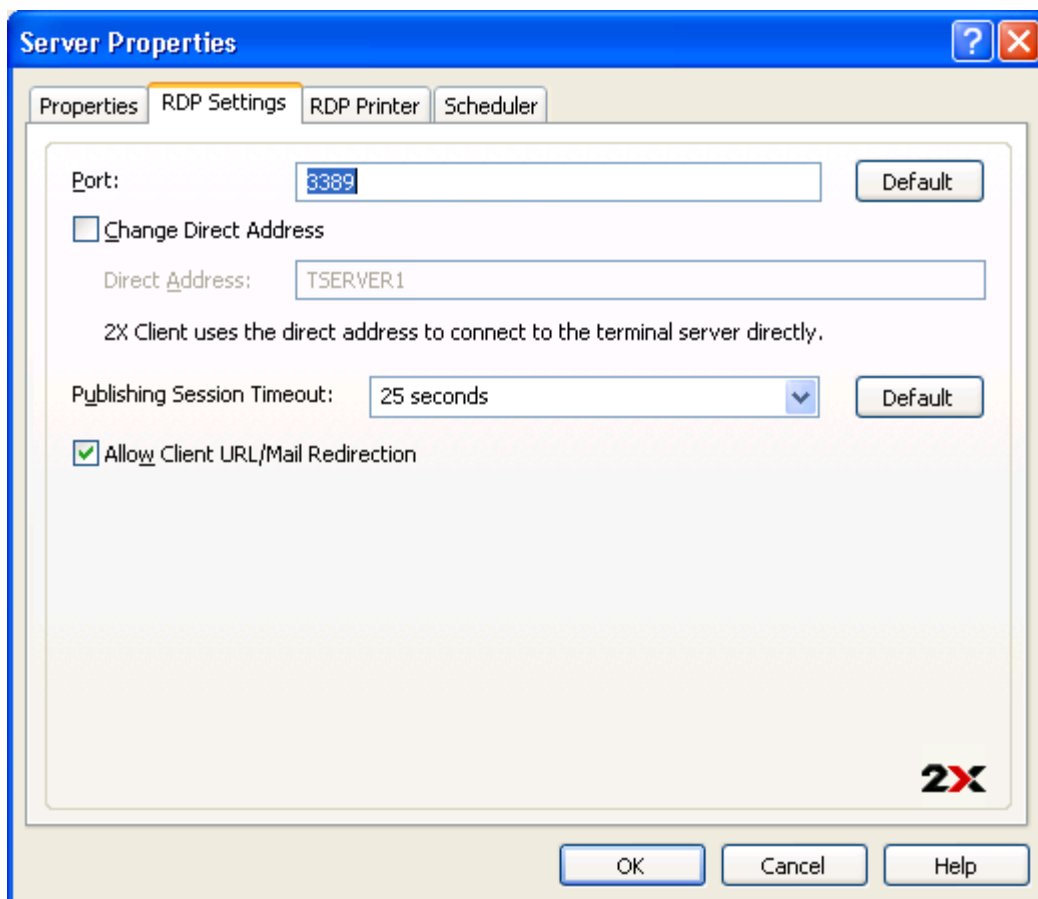


Figure 59 - RDP Settings

Enter the RDP port that will be used to connect a session.

In the RDP settings one can configure the direct address by checking 'Change Direct Address' checkbox and type a new direct address. This address is used in Direct Connection mode only (this is an internal or external IP address) depending where the clients will be. If external, these IP addresses must be assigned at your firewall to your servers).

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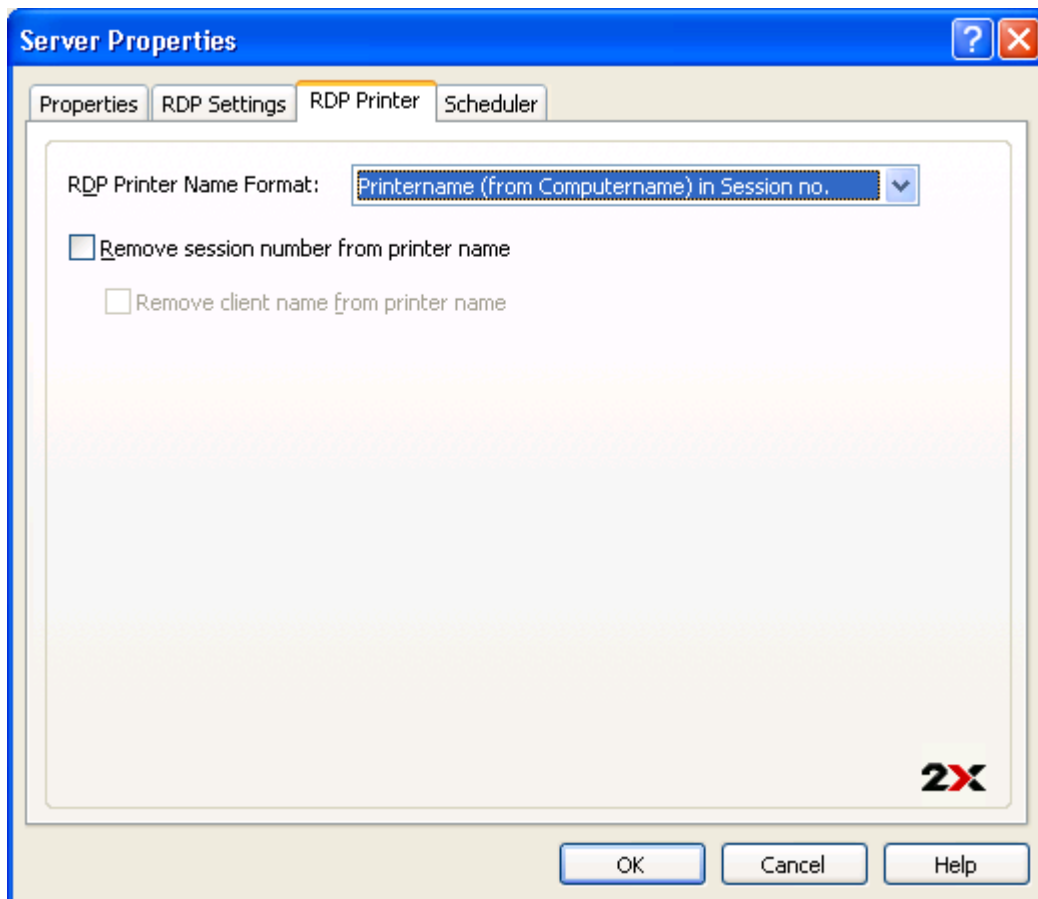


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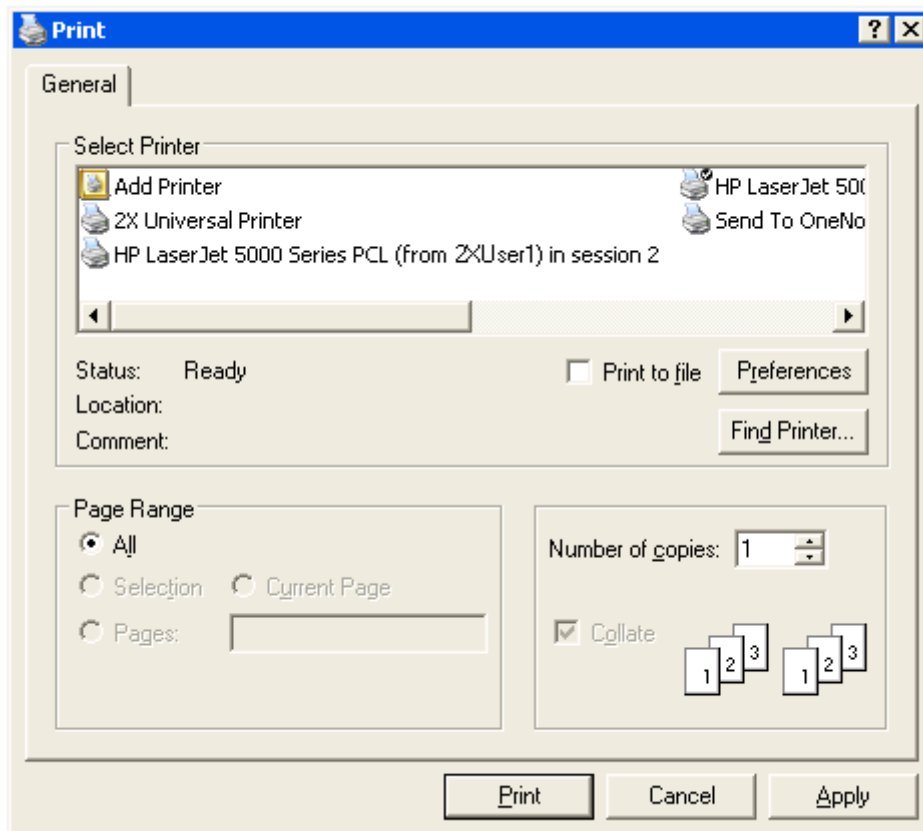


Figure 61 - Printer Settings with Redirected Printer

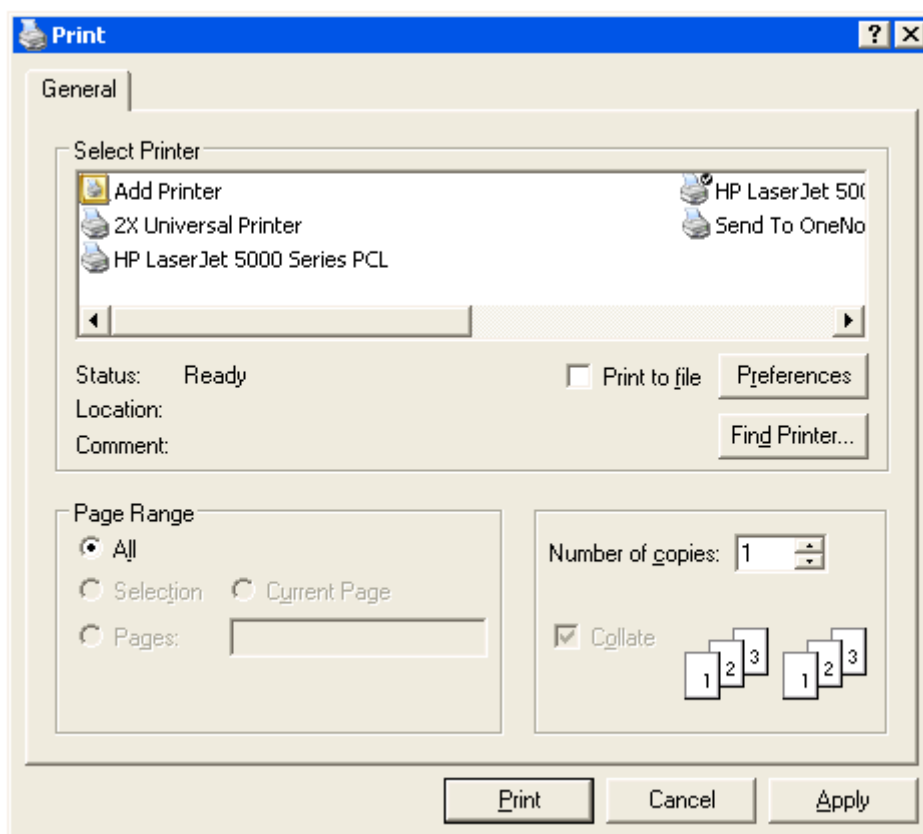


Figure 62 - Printer Settings with Redirected Printer, Removed Client Name and Session Number

Scheduler

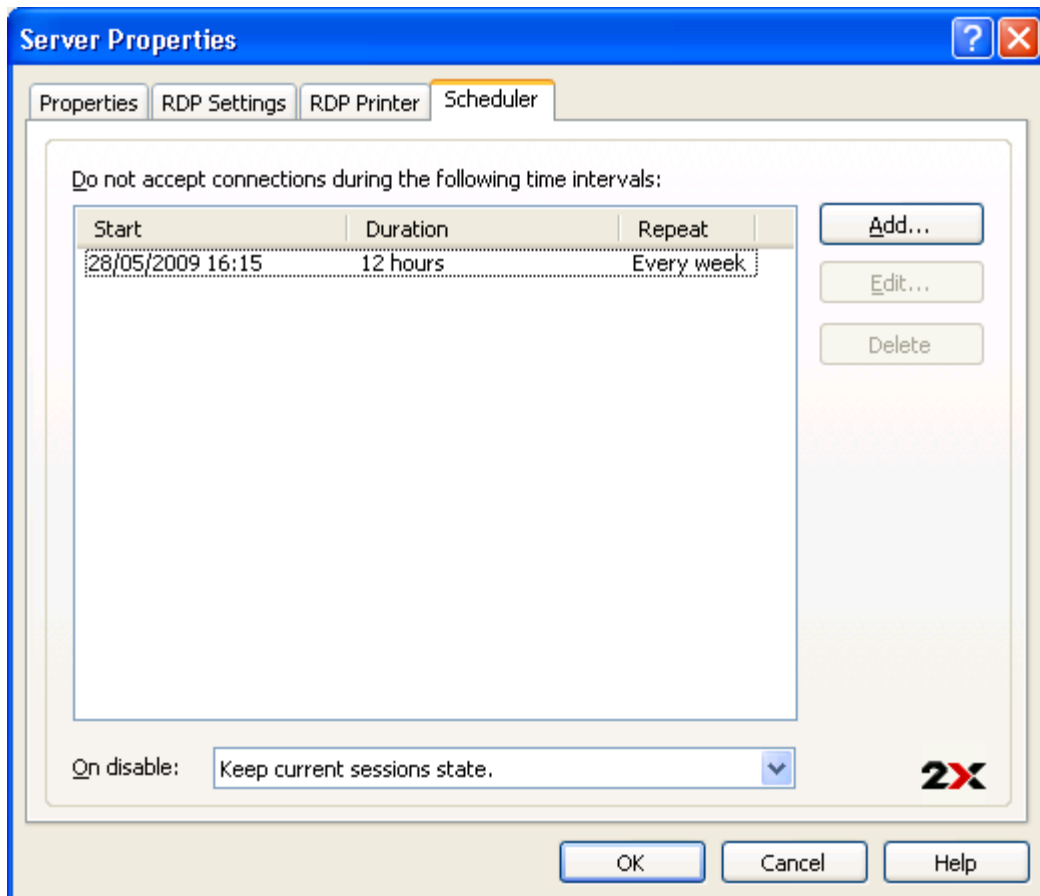


Figure 63 - Scheduler

Using the Scheduler, you can set your Terminal Server not to accept connections between a set time. To add a Scheduler Entry simply click 'Add' and then start by entering the date and time you want to restrict your Terminal Server. Select the duration of the schedule entry. The 'Duration' field accepts time in days, hours, minutes, seconds or any combination. Example: 3 days,, 5 hours, 45 minutes, 30 seconds. The entry can be set to be repeated.

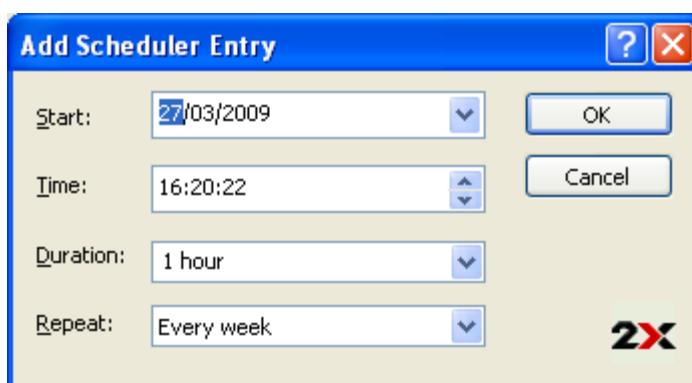


Figure 64 - Add Scheduler Entry

The Scheduler tab will be available when editing the Terminal Server's properties.

'On disable' will allow you to choose the action taken on the current sessions by 2X VirtualDesktopServer once a Terminal Server is disabled while a scheduled entry is active.

NOTE: Make sure that 2X Terminal Server Agent is installed on each Terminal Server added to the farm. 2X Terminal Server Agent collects the information required by 2X Publishing Agent to be able to load balance each session according to available resources.

Delete a Terminal Server

To **delete** a Terminal Server from the farm, select the particular Server and click the 'Delete' button. You can also use the Delete key from the keyboard instead of using the 'Delete' button.

Server Groups

To organize your Terminal Servers in groups, click the 'Add...' button in the Server Groups Panel. Type the name that you want to give to the new group and select the Terminal Servers which are going to be bind within that group.

Server Groups are useful when you want to publish an application or a desktop which is located on a number of MS Terminal Servers but not in the whole farm. Therefore you can group the MS Terminal Servers which hosts that particular application and then select that group in the 'Publish From' tab when publishing applications. One can also use groups to configure specific filters so that connections to non published desktops can be redirected to specific groups (please refer to Advanced Load balancing section for more information).

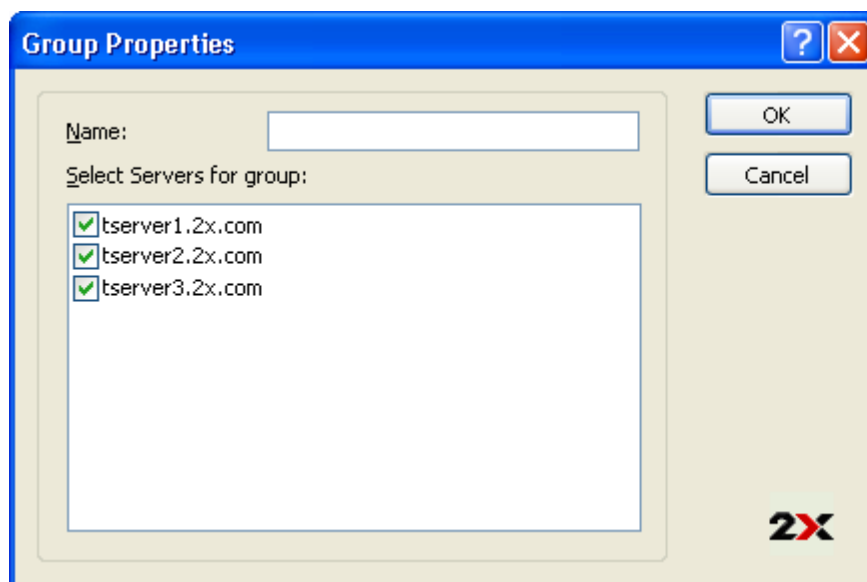


Figure 65 - Group Properties

Delegation

Delegation will allow users that are not administrators to access 2X console and have just enough rights to publish applications.

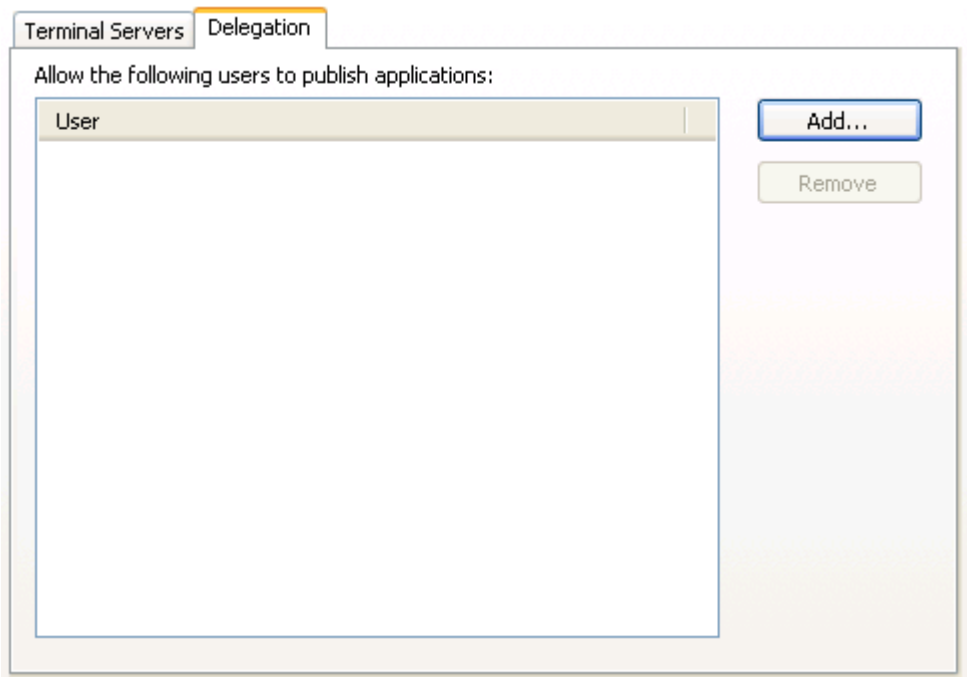


Figure 66 - Delegation Tab

To add users to the delegation list, simply click “**Add...**”

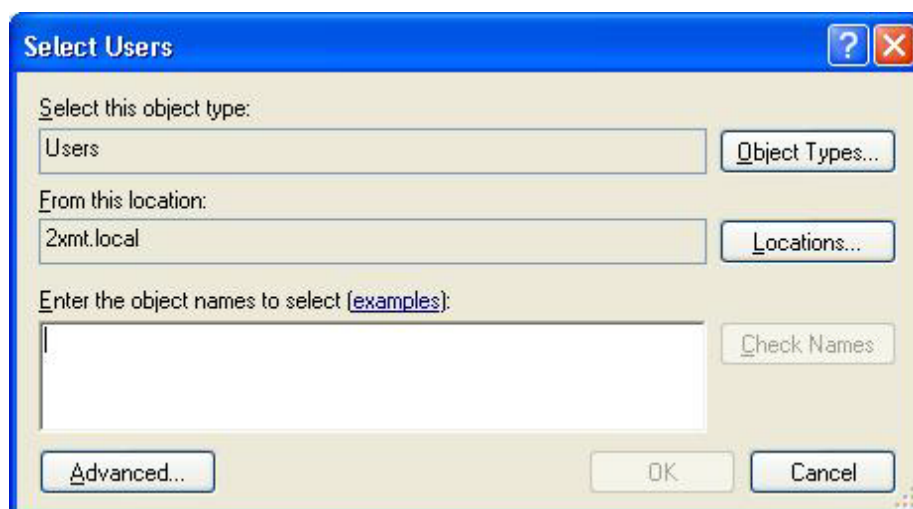


Figure 67 - User Selection Dialog

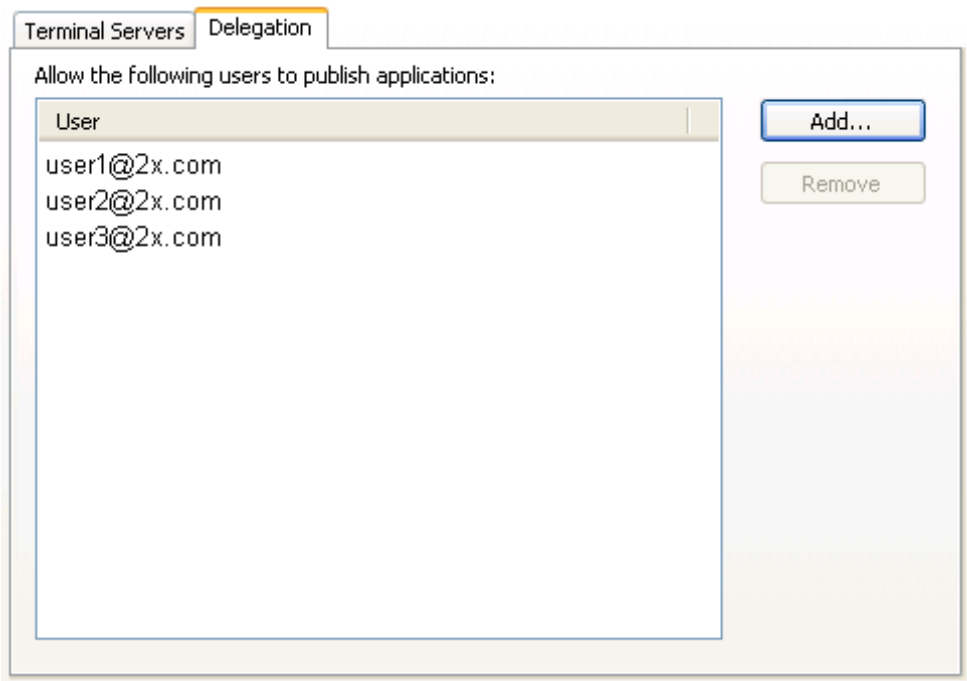


Figure 68 - Delegation Tab with selected users

In the above example user1, user2 and user3 now have rights to publish applications.

NOTE: The user that is added to delegation needs write access to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\2X.

Gateway

In this page you may configure which port to use for 2X Client Gateway service while you may also enable or disable RDP and Citrix services.

The **2X Client Gateway Port** (default TCP 80) is used to tunnel all 2X traffic over this port. The traffic that can be tunneled through this port include the 2X Publishing Agent traffic (load balanced application and desktop publishing), HTTP Server and RDP traffic. 2X Client Gateway Port is also used to tunnel secure connections (SSL) over the same port.

The **RDP Port** (default TCP 3389) is used for clients who require basic load balanced desktop sessions. Connections on this port do not support published items.

The **Citrix Port** (default TCP 1494) is used for the incoming Citrix connections which will be forwarded to the configured Citrix servers according to the load balancing configuration. To disable this service, you may uncheck the check box in front of 'Citrix Port'.

Enable 'Broadcast 2X Client Gateway Address' checkbox to broadcast of the 2X Client Gateway address., and 2X Clients will be able to auto find their primary server (2X Client Gateway address).

NOTE: RDP Port cannot be used if the machine on which the 2X Client Gateway is installed has terminal services enabled.

2X Client Gateway Security

Settings

☒ 2X Client Gateway Port: 80 Default Advanced...

☐ RDP Port:* 3389 Default

* Please make sure that this port does not conflict with the standard 'Terminal Server Port' setting.

☒ Citrix Port: 1494 Default

☒ Broadcast 2X Client Gateway Address

Security

☒ Enable SSL on Port: 443 Default

Private Key file: ...

Certificate file: ...

Generate new certificate...

Figure 69 - Client Gateway settings and Security settings.

NOTE: You can change the port to any number you may want, as long as it does NOT conflict with any other application using the same port you choose.

Security

The security page allows you to filter connections through your gateway by matching MAC addresses. It is possible to block out MAC addressed or else only allow the specified entries to run published applications.

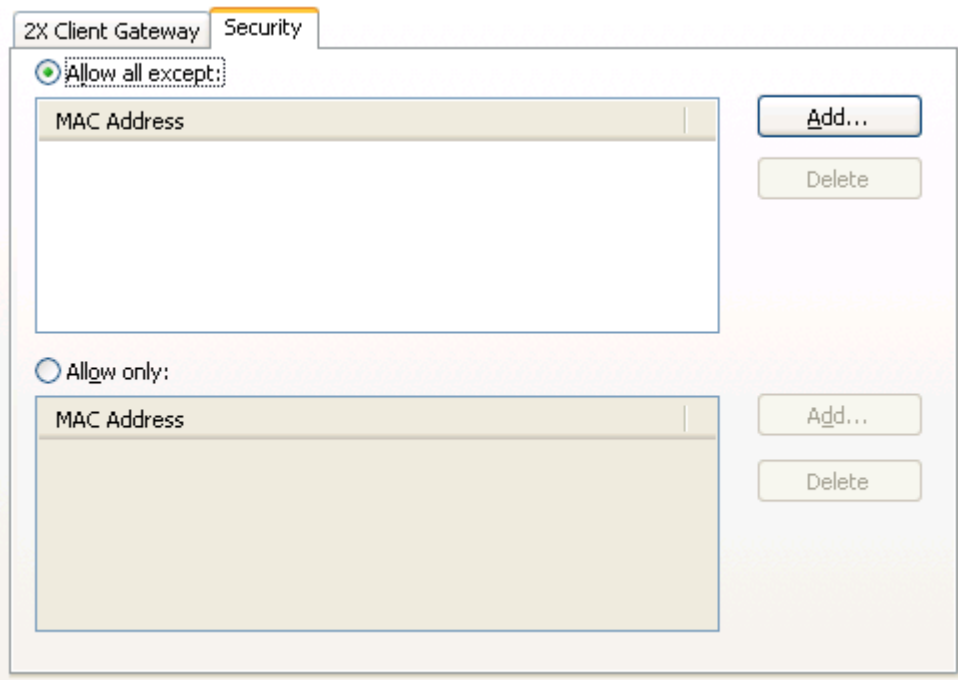


Figure 70 - Security Tab

There are two (2) options that you can use; the first is to allow all users except the specified MAC addresses, or the second were you only allow the specified MAC addresses.

To allow all MAC addresses except the specified ones, select “**Allow all except**”, and then click “**Add...**”

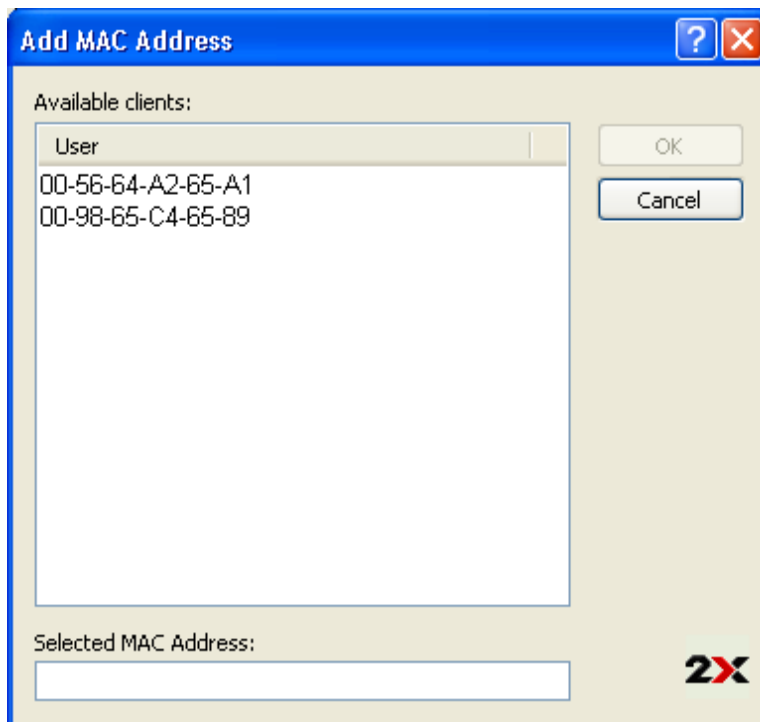


Figure 71 - Allow all except dialog

You can select any one of the listed MAC addresses or type in a pre known MAC address, and click **“OK”**.

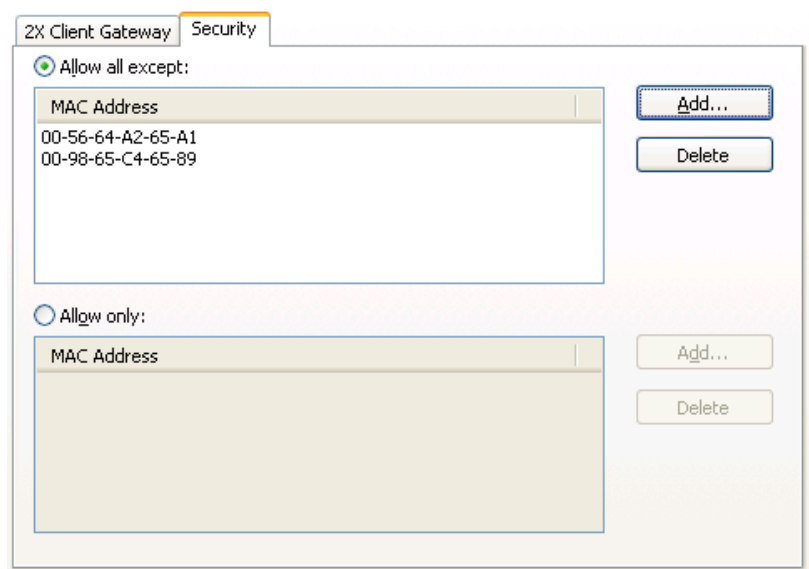


Figure 72 - Security Tab with added filtered users

Now as you can see in the above dialog 2 machines are not allowed to connect and run published applications.

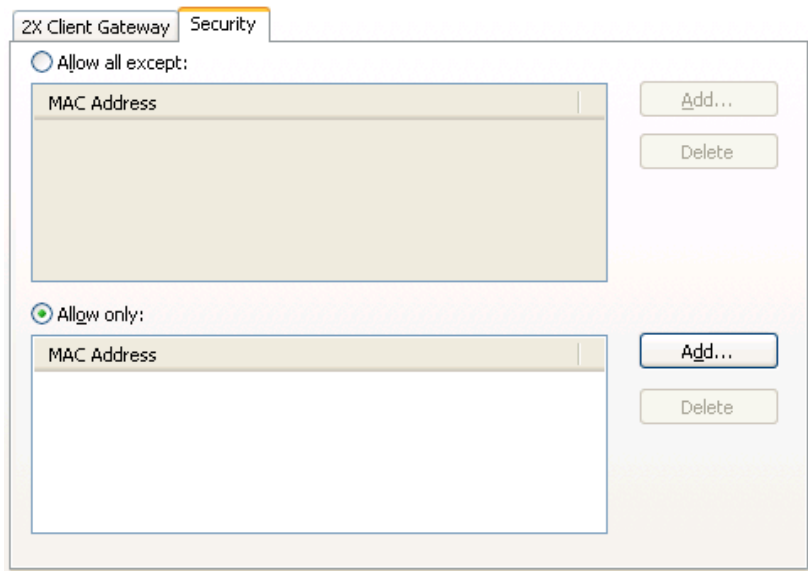


Figure 73 - Security Tab

To allow only the selected MAC addresses select “**Allow only**” and then click “**Add...**”

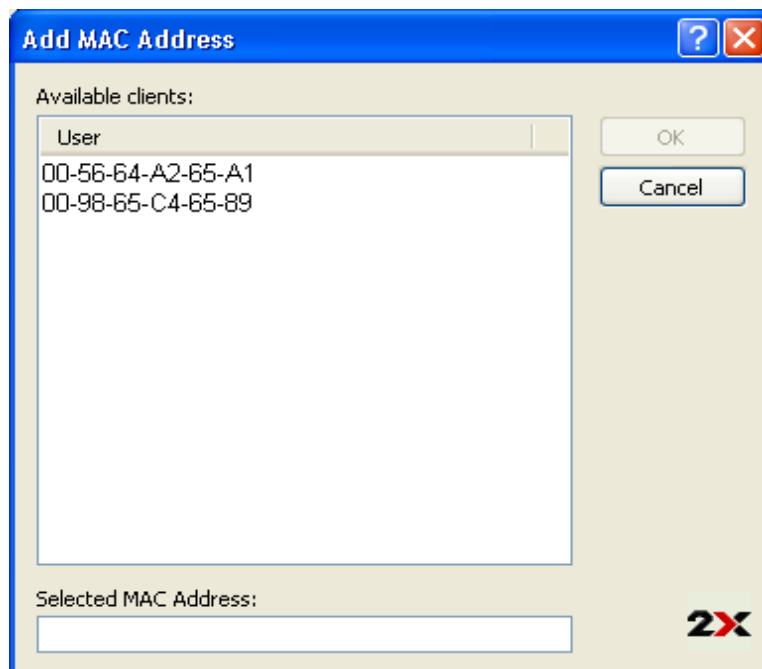


Figure 74 - Allow Only Dialog

You can select any one of the listed MAC addresses or type in a pre known MAC address, and click “**OK**”.

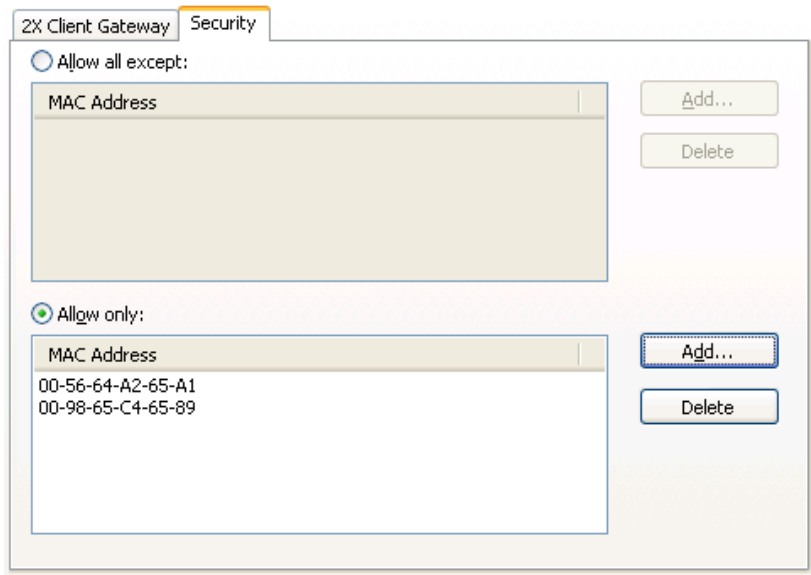


Figure 75 - Security Tab with added filtered users

Now as you can see in the above dialog only the 2 specified machines are allowed to run published applications.

Advanced Client Gateway Settings

2X Client Gateway tunnels all 2X traffic needed by 2X applications on a single port. This gateway service gives the ability to the System Administrator to tunnel the Terminal Servers (RDP), HTTP Server (81) and 2X Publishing (20002) over one port which by default is configured to port 80.

To configure the Advanced Client Gateway Setting, you'll need to assign a port number in the 'Client Gateway port' which by default is configured to port 80 (make sure that this port is not being used by another service) and then click the 'Advanced' button to configure the HTTP Server, and 2X Publishing Agent.

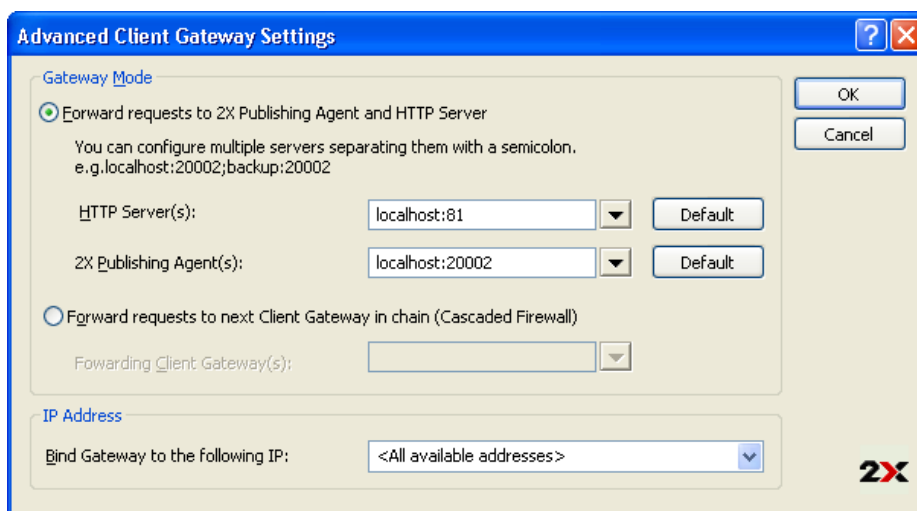


Figure 76 - Advanced Client Gateway Settings

This Advanced dialog allows you configure where is the HTTP server and the 2X Publishing Agent.

These services may be running on other Servers, and in this case you'll have to configure each setting with the correspondent IP address or computer name.

E.g. **HTTP Server:** webserver.internal.mycompany:81

Advanced Client Gateway (Multiple 2X Client Gateways)

2X offers the solution to install multiple 2X Client Gateways. These solutions offer a lot of flexibility to the Administrators in such situations as displayed in the above diagram.

As displayed in the diagram below, both 2X Client Gateways are configured to forward requests to the same 2X Publishing Agent.

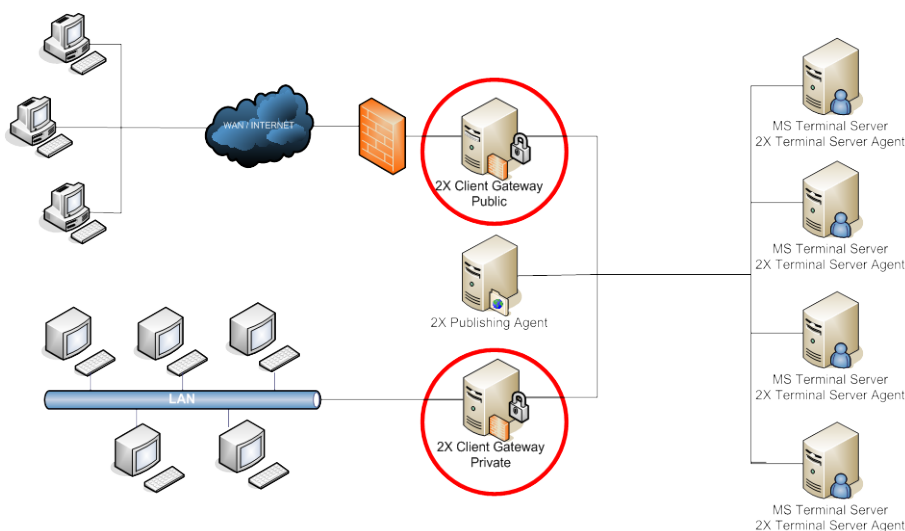


Figure 77 - Multiple 2X Client Gateways forwarding requests to 2X Publishing Agent

On each 2X Client Gateway, one should configure the Advanced Client Gateway settings and configure the 2X Publishing Agent.

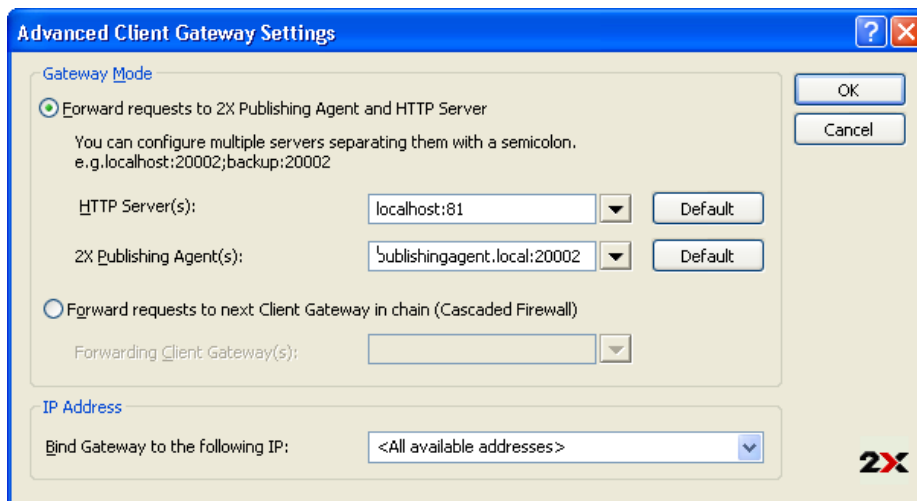


Figure 78 - Advanced Client Gateway Settings

One may also add additional 2X Publishing Agents by separating them with a semi colon or click on the drop down arrow '▼' which will open up a new window to allow you to enter more 2X Publishing Agents as displayed in the figure below.

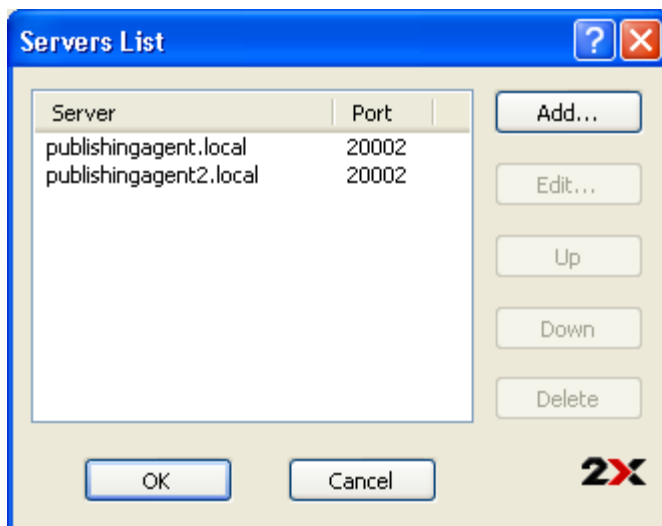


Figure 79 - Add 2X Publishing Agents list

The first publishing agent in the Servers list will be used by default. In the event that the first 2X Publishing Agent fails to respond, the next 2X Publishing Agent will be used.

NOTE: 2X Terminal Server Agents cannot be assigned to multiple 2X Publishing Agents. Therefore each 2X Publishing Agent should have each unique group of Terminal Servers. For more advanced and alternative scenarios and solutions please read [2X Server Based Computing Guide](#).

In order to install 2X Client Gateway, select 'Multiple Terminal Server' in the Installation Type and check '2X Client Gateway' option.

Please refer to the chapter entitled “Installing 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console” for more information about how to install the 2X Client Gateway.

Advanced Client Gateway (Forwarding Mode)

2X Client Gateway can forward requests to next Client Gateway in chain (Cascaded Firewall). With this option enabled the 2X Client Gateway installed on this machine [GATEWAY 1] (default running on port 80) will forward the requests to the next Client Gateway [GATEWAY 2] configured in the 'Forwarding Client Gateway(s) list.

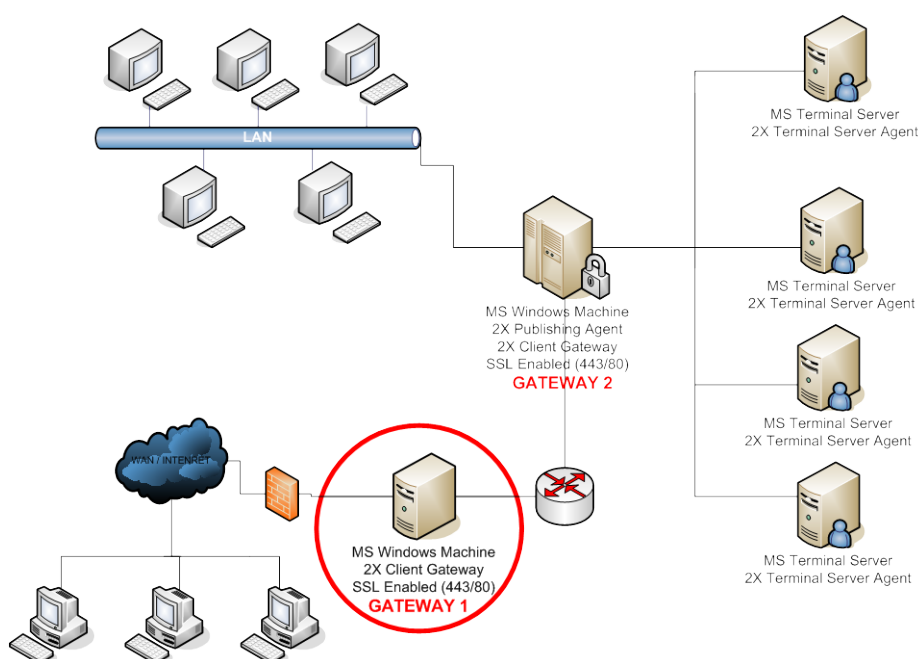


Figure 80 - Scenario with forwarding requests to next Client Gateway in chain

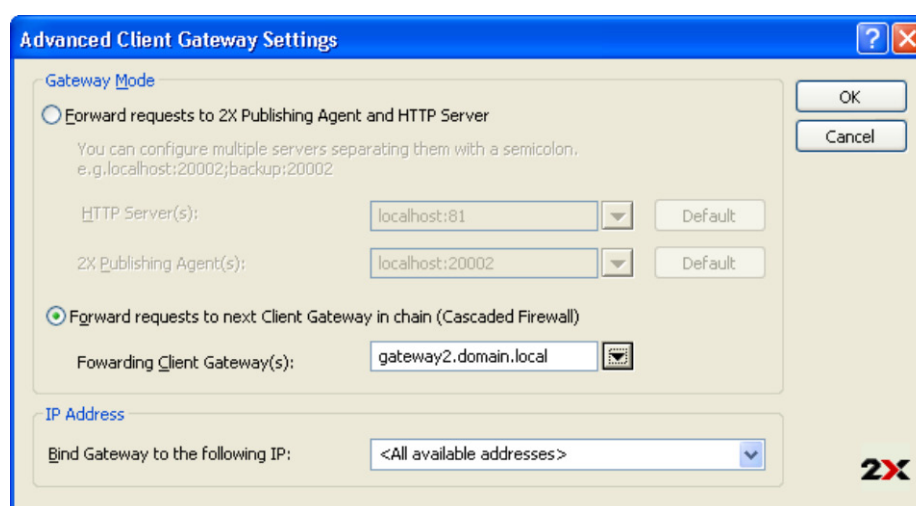


Figure 81 - Forwarding requests to next Client Gateway in chain

NOTE: All ports must be the same on each 2X Client Gateway. Therefore if 2X Client Gateway on server A is listening on port 80 and is configured to

forward the requests to 2X Client Gateway on server B, server B should be configured to listen on port 80. This also applies for the Citrix port (default 1494) and SSL (default 443).

NOTE: In order to install 2X Client Gateway, select 'Multiple Terminal Server' in the Installation Type and check '2X Client Gateway' option.

Please refer to the chapter entitled "[Installing 2X VirtualDesktopServer](#)" for more information about how to install the 2X Client Gateway.

NOTE: If you have problems to start the service, check the Log File and Event Viewer for more information. Please note that if the configured 2X Client Gateway port is assigned with another service, the 2X Client Gateway Service will not be able to start the service. In this case you must either configure the default port (80) to another port or configure the other service to use another port.

Users will not be able to connect through the gateway if this service is stopped. Note that all connections running through 2X Client Gateway Service will be dropped if the service is stopped or restarted.

Bind Gateway to an IP Address

In the Advanced Client Gateway Settings it is also possible to bind the Gateway with certain IP. This feature gives the ability to the Administrator to open 2X Client Gateway port (default port 80) on certain IP instead of opening 2X Client Gateway port on all available addresses.

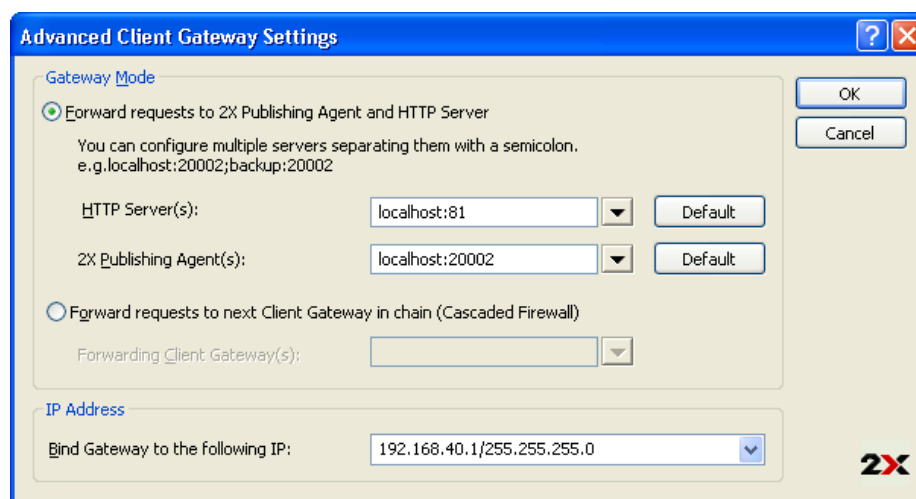


Figure 82 - Bind Gateway to an IP Address

Security

In this Client Gateway page you can enable Secure sockets Layer (SSL). In SSL mode, the 2X Client Gateway provides end-to-end SSL encryption to your terminal servers.

If you want your clients to connect to the 2X Client Gateway using SSL, make sure you click on 'Use SSL'. In this case a certificate and private key must be provided. You can use your own or simply click on 'Create a new certificate...' to create them. Enter all your information and the FQDN of your 2X VirtualDesktopServer (Common name) and click '**Generate new certificate...**'.

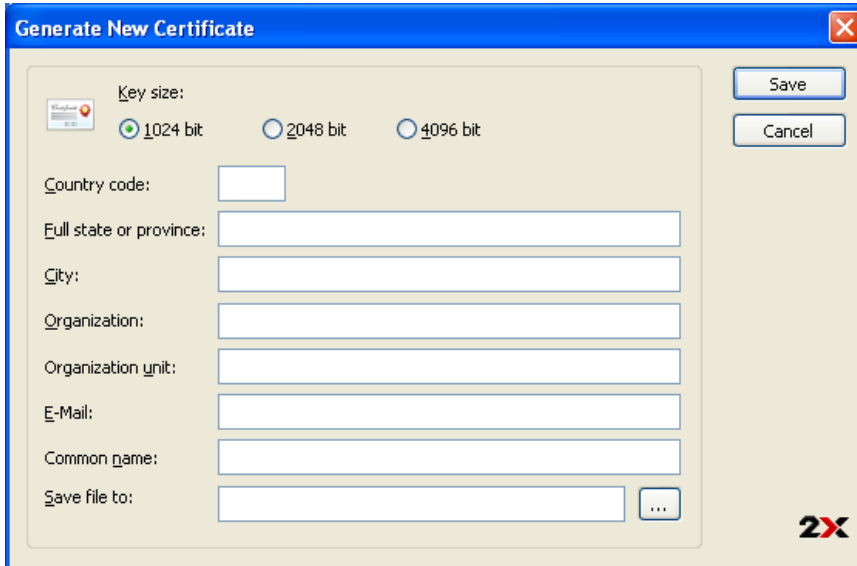
A screenshot of a Windows-style dialog box titled "Generate New Certificate". The dialog has a blue title bar with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Inside the dialog, there is a "Key size:" section with three radio buttons: "1024 bit" (selected), "2048 bit", and "4096 bit". Below this are several text input fields: "Country code:", "Full state or province:", "City:", "Organization:", "Organization unit:", "E-Mail:", "Common name:", and "Save file to:". The "Save file to:" field has a small "..." button to its right. In the top right corner of the dialog, there are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons. In the bottom right corner, there is a "2X" logo.

Figure 83 - Generate New Certificate

NOTE: If clients are not able to connect with port 443 because of firewalls or other policies, they could also use the 2X Client Gateway port (default 80) to connect using SSL. 2X Client Gateway offers the facility to tunnel SSL traffic over port 80.

Backup Servers

In this page one can add Backup Servers so that if the Master server fails, the next server in the list takes over.

The backup servers can also be used as additional Client Gateways to distribute the load on the gateways.

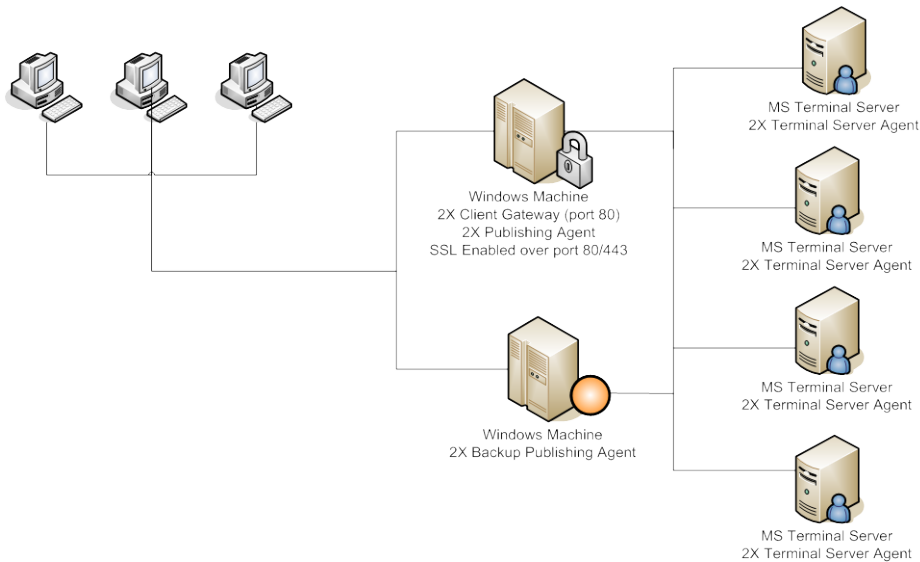


Figure 84 - Redundant VirtualDesktopServer

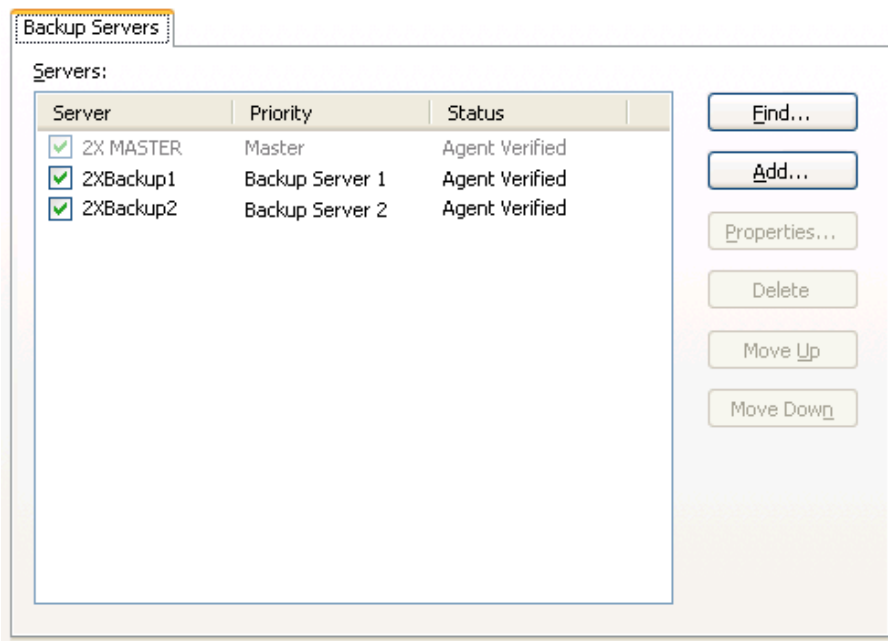


Figure 85 - Backup Servers

Adding 2X Backup Servers

1. To add '2X Backup Servers' click the '**Find...**' button. A new dialog will show the available servers in the local domain which can be used as

Backup

Servers.

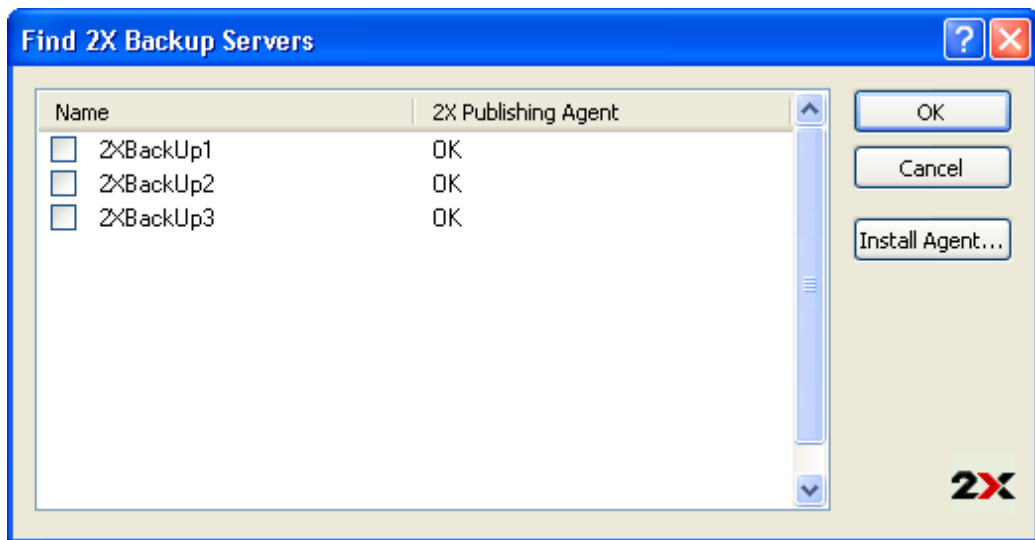


Figure 86 - Find 2X Backup Servers

2. When the state of selected server is 'Agent Not Found' it means that 2X Publishing Agent is not installed on the selected server. Therefore you would need to install this service by clicking the '**Install Agent...**' button.
3. Enter administrative credentials to be able to install the 2X Publishing Agent on the selected server which will be used as a backup server.

Remote Agent Installation

Server

Server: 2XBackUp3

OS: Windows

SSH Port: 22 Default

Credentials

☐ Override system credentials

Username:

Password:

Status Progress

Server	Status	Type
2XBackUp3	Queued	Terminal Server

Install Cancel

Figure 87 - Installing 2X Backup Server

- Click **'Install'** after you've entered the administrative credentials. You should note that service is installed successfully if the installation is done completely.
- Click **'Done'** when finished.

When 2X Publishing Agent is already in use one can **'Take Over'** the server and use it as a backup server.

NOTE: If a 2X Publishing Agent is already in use it means that the particular server is already configured as a master server in another farm. Taking over this server would override any settings currently configured on the particular machine.

One can also use the **'Add...'** button to manually add 2X Backup Server as shown in the figure below. After you've entered the name or the IP of the server to be used as a backup server click **'Next'**.

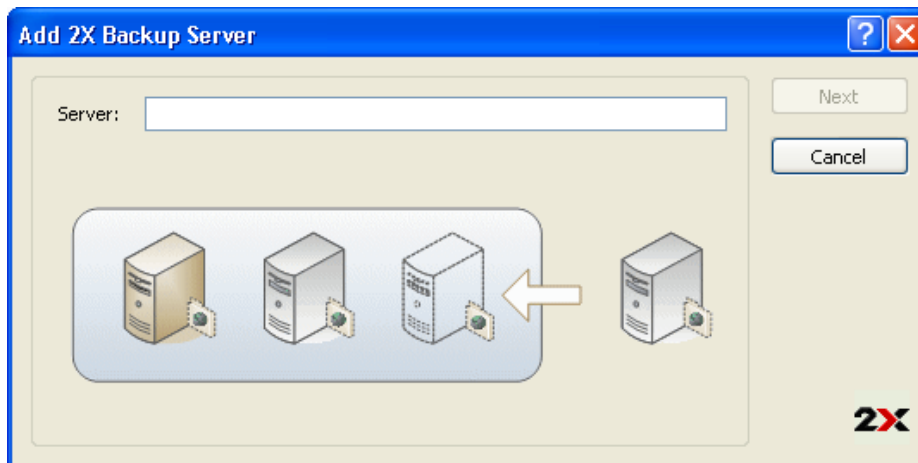


Figure 88 - Add 2X Backup Server

A status information message will give you guide what to do next. Usually you'll have to install the 2X Backup Server by clicking the '**Install...**' button. Then proceed with steps 3 – 5 done in the previous section. If an old version of 2X backup server is already installed one would have to update the server by clicking the '**Update**' button.

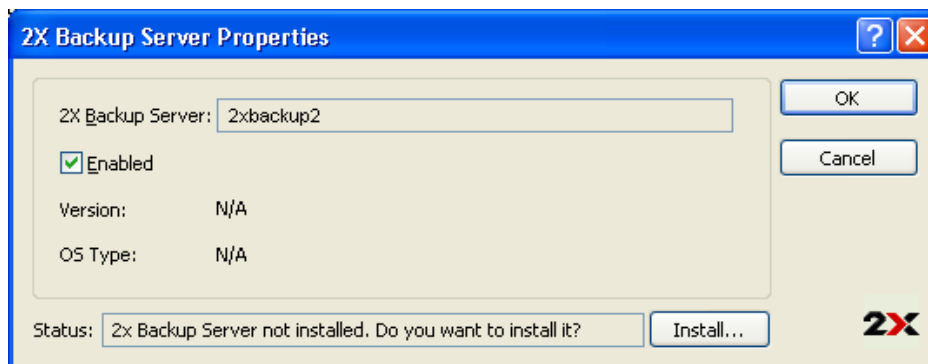


Figure 89 - 2X Backup Server Properties

NOTE: The '**Install...**' button change according to the status of the selected server. In fact it will change to '**Update...**' if an old version of the 2X Backup Server is found, while it will change to '**Take Over**' if the selected server is already configured with a 2x Publishing Agent configured as a master server.

Modifying 2X Backup Servers

To change the properties of each backup server, select the particular server and click '**Properties**'. One can enable or disable the selected backup server while one can also install, update or uninstall the backup server from the properties dialog.

To delete a particular backup server, select the required server from the Backup Servers list and click '**Delete**'.

Each backup server in the list is given a priority. By default the local 2X Publishing Agent is given the Master priority and this cannot be changed. One can change the priority of the backup server.

To assign a higher priority in the backup list select the required backup server from the list and click **'Move up'**.

To assign a lower priority in the backup list select the required backup server from the list and click **'Move Down'**.

The Backup Server with priority configured as 'Backup Server 1' will be the first backup server to take over in case the Master Server is not available. Additional backup servers will take over in case 'Backup Server 1' is also not available according to their priority.

Promoting a Backup server to a Master Server

When the primary server cannot be recovered due to various reasons such as hardware failure or OS startup failure one can easily promote a 2X Backup Server to a Master server.

First launch the 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console located in the backup server.

NOTE: When you add and install 2X Backup Servers, all the required files are automatically installed remotely on each backup server. Therefore to launch the 2X Console of a backup server, one can easily launch 2X Console located at "C:\Program Files\2X\VDS\2XConsole.exe".

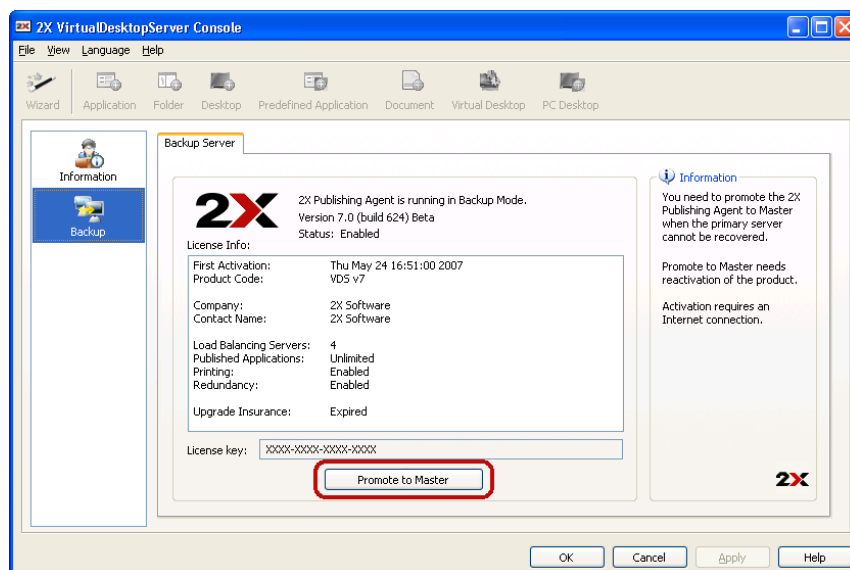


Figure 90 - Promote a 2X Backup Server to a Master

Secondly click 'Promote to Master' button to promote the current backup server as a Master Server. Promotion to a Master server needs reactivation of

the products but this is done automatically and it requires an Internet connection.

Finally the 2X Terminal Server Agents will use this server (previously used as a 2X Backup server) as their Master server.

Terminal Servers

In this page you can add Terminal Servers or Citrix Servers to the farm. You have two options to add Servers to the farm. You can either automatically search for available Terminal Servers or Citrix Servers within your domain by clicking the 'Find...' button or you can click on the 'Add...' button to manually add the Terminal Servers or Citrix Servers.

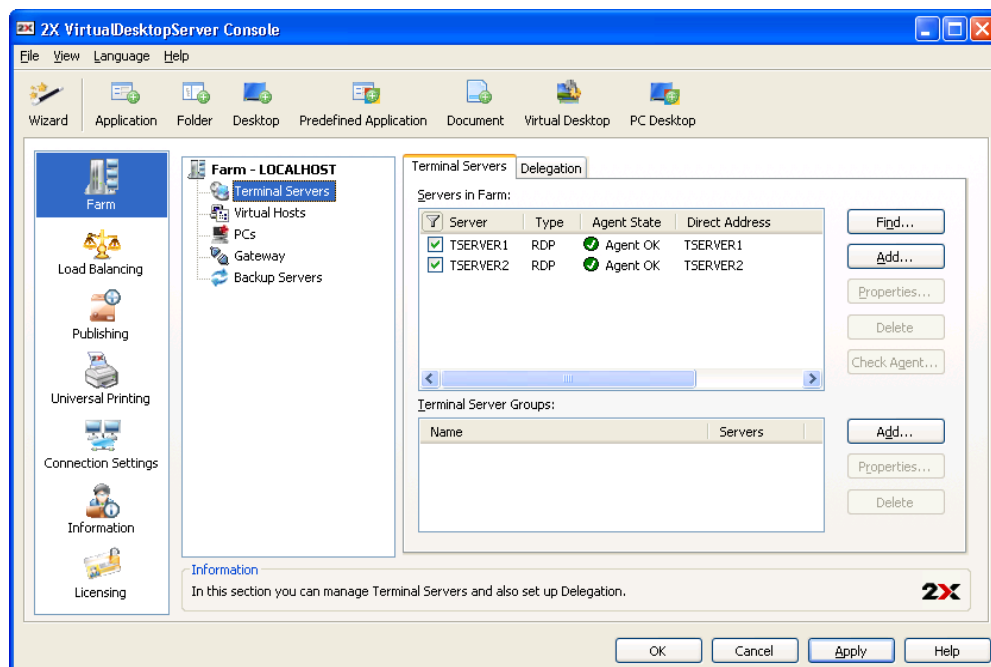


Figure 91 - Add Terminal Servers or Citrix Servers to the farm – VDS Edition

NOTE: The checkbox next to the server name indicates the particular server is available to users on this farm. To disable a server temporarily, uncheck this checkbox.

Find a Terminal Server

Click the 'Find...' button to automatically search for available Terminal Servers and Citrix Servers.

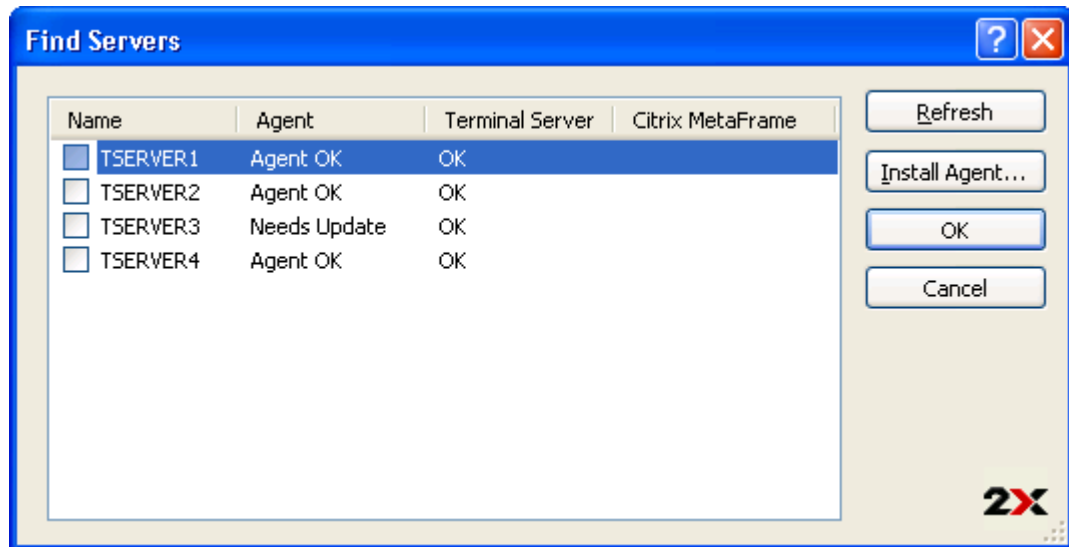


Figure 92 - Find available Terminal Servers

All Terminal Servers and Citrix Servers within your domain will appear on the list of available servers to your farm, also identifying terminal server type (Windows or Citrix) and availability of 2X Terminal Server Agent on the respective server. To add a server to the farm, enable the checkbox in front of the server name. Click the 'OK' button to commit changes.

NOTE: It will be necessary to install 2X Terminal Server Agent on all Terminal Servers and Citrix Servers before they can successfully participate in a load-balanced farm.

Add a Terminal Server

To manually **add** a Server to your farm click the 'Add...' button and then type the Server name or IP address in the 'Server:' field as shown in the figure below. Then click 'Next'.

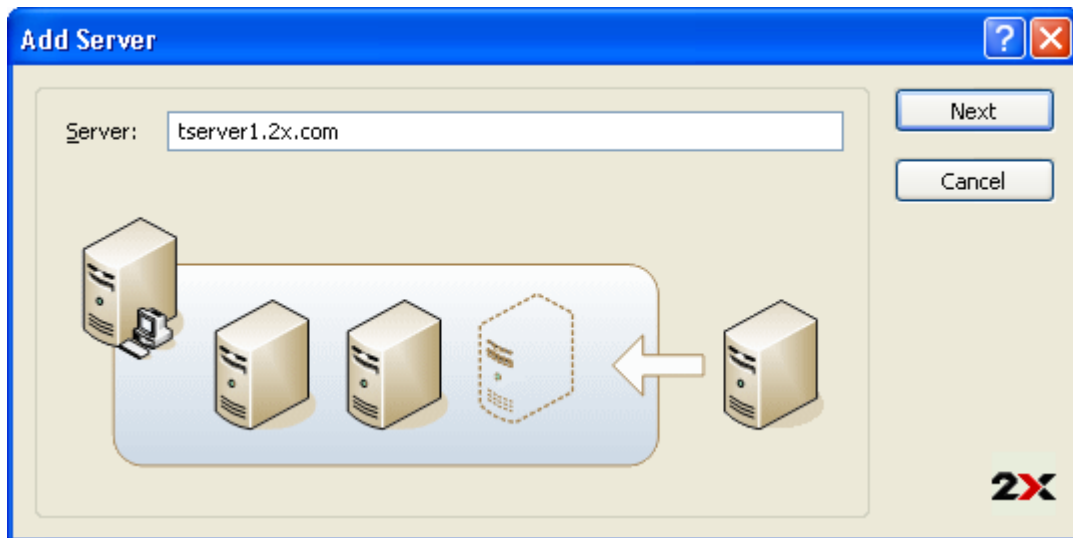


Figure 93 - Configure each server properties

2X VirtualDesktopServer will check whether 2X Terminal Server Agent is installed. Check the status and if the status states that the Agent did not reply or service is not installed, click the '**Install...**' button. Please refer to the chapter entitled "[Installing the 2X Terminal Server Agent remotely from 2X Console](#)" - for more information about how to install the 2X Terminal Server Agent.

Click 'Add' if the status states that the Agent is already installed.

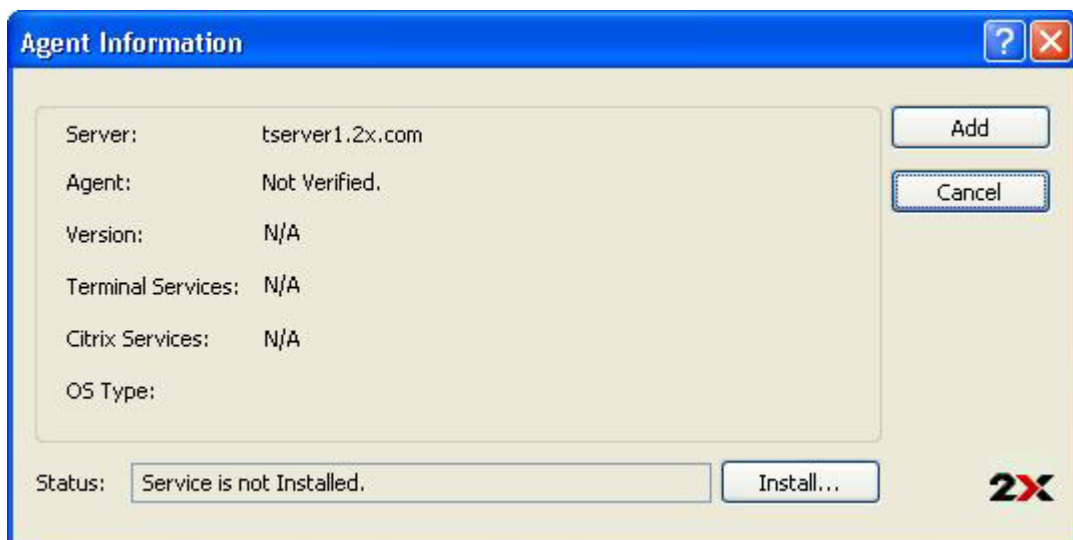


Figure 94 - Add Terminal Server

Edit a Terminal Server

To **edit** the configuration of each Server, select the particular Server and click the 'Properties...' button. You can also double click each Server to edit its configuration.

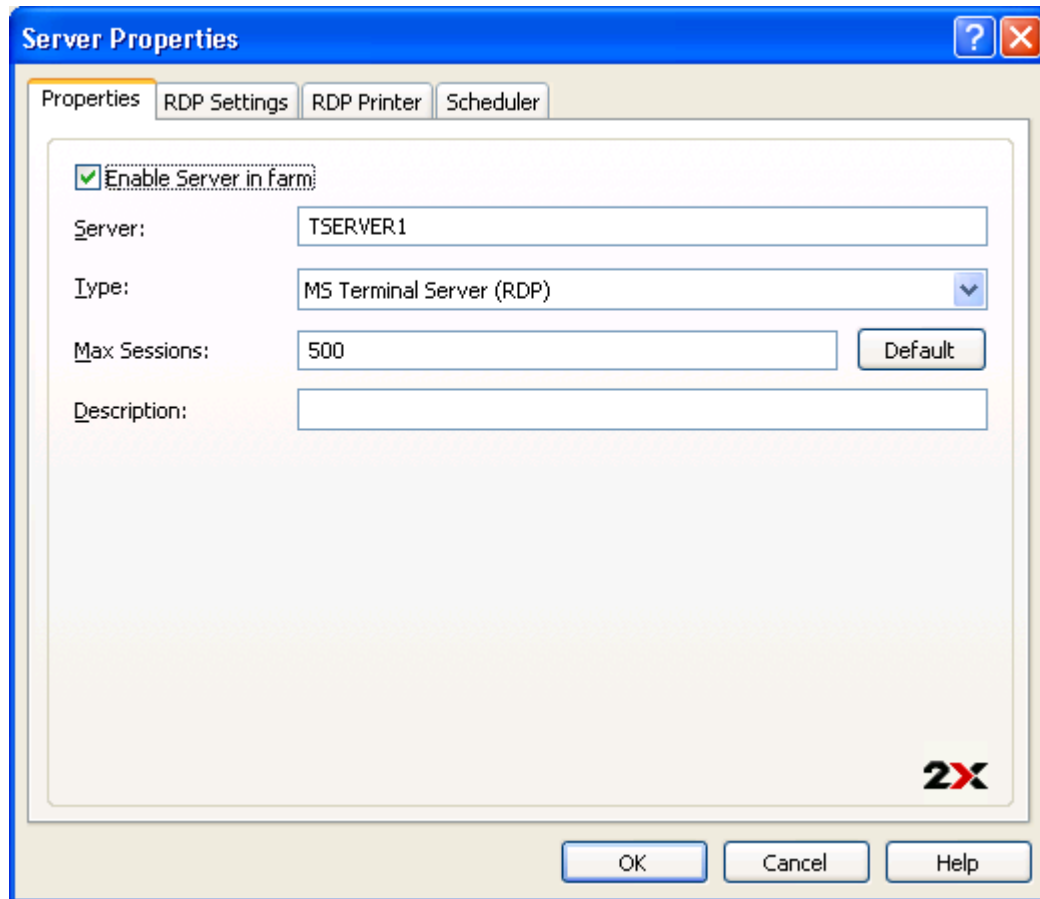


Figure 95 - Server Properties

Properties

You can enable or disable the use of the Terminal Server in the farm by using the 'Enable Server in farm' checkbox.

To change the Server name or IP address of a particular Terminal Server use the 'Server' field. Each Terminal Server can be configured to accept RDP traffic, ICA traffic or both from the 'Type' field.

Next you can type the maximum number of sessions you want this server to accept. A 'Description' can be entered for each to clearly identify the different Terminal Server.

RDP Settings

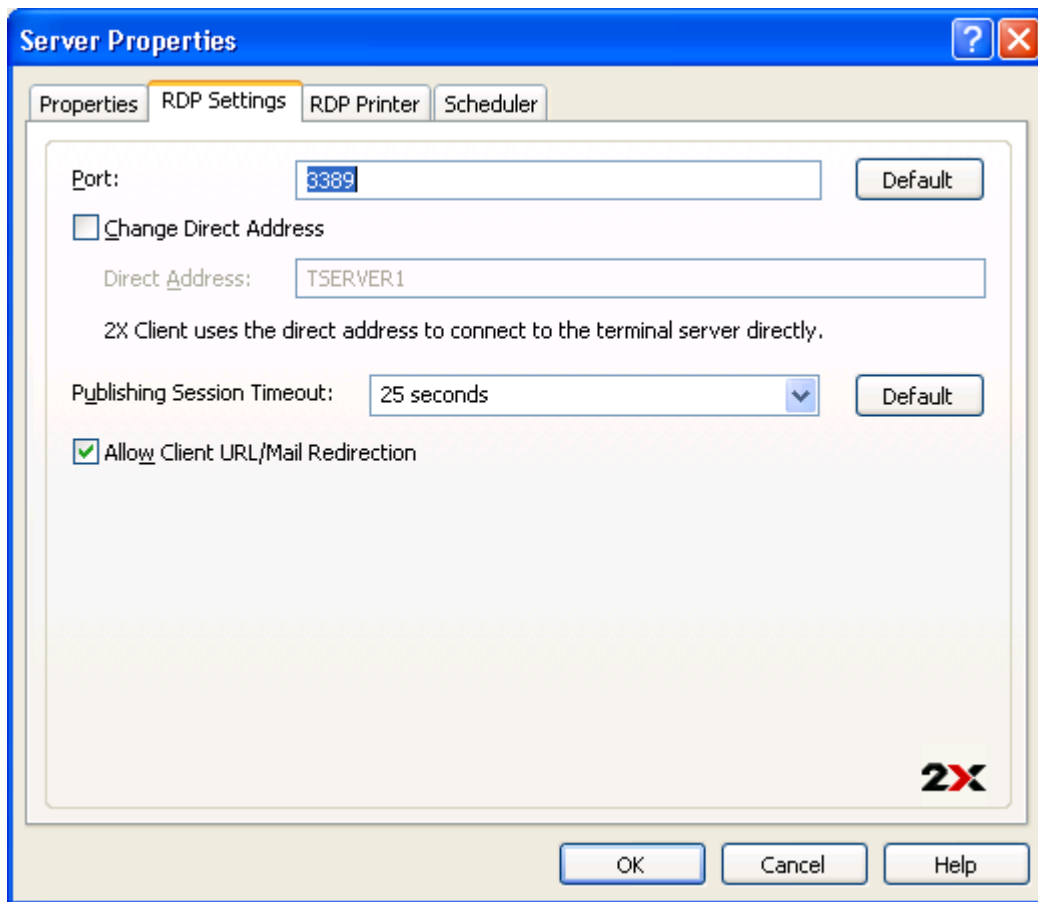


Figure 96 - RDP Settings

Enter the RDP port that will be used to connect a session.

In the RDP settings one can configure the direct address by checking 'Change Direct Address' checkbox and type a new direct address. This address is used in Direct Connection mode only (this is an internal or external IP address) depending where the clients will be. If external, these IP addresses must be assigned at your firewall to your servers).

The publishing session timeout is the amount of time that each session will stay connected in the background after the user has closed all the published applications before disconnecting from the server. This is done to avoid unnecessary reconnection with the server.

You can also choose to allow URL/Mail redirection on the client. This option provides that ability that http and mailto links will be opened using local applications instead of using the resources on the Terminal Server.

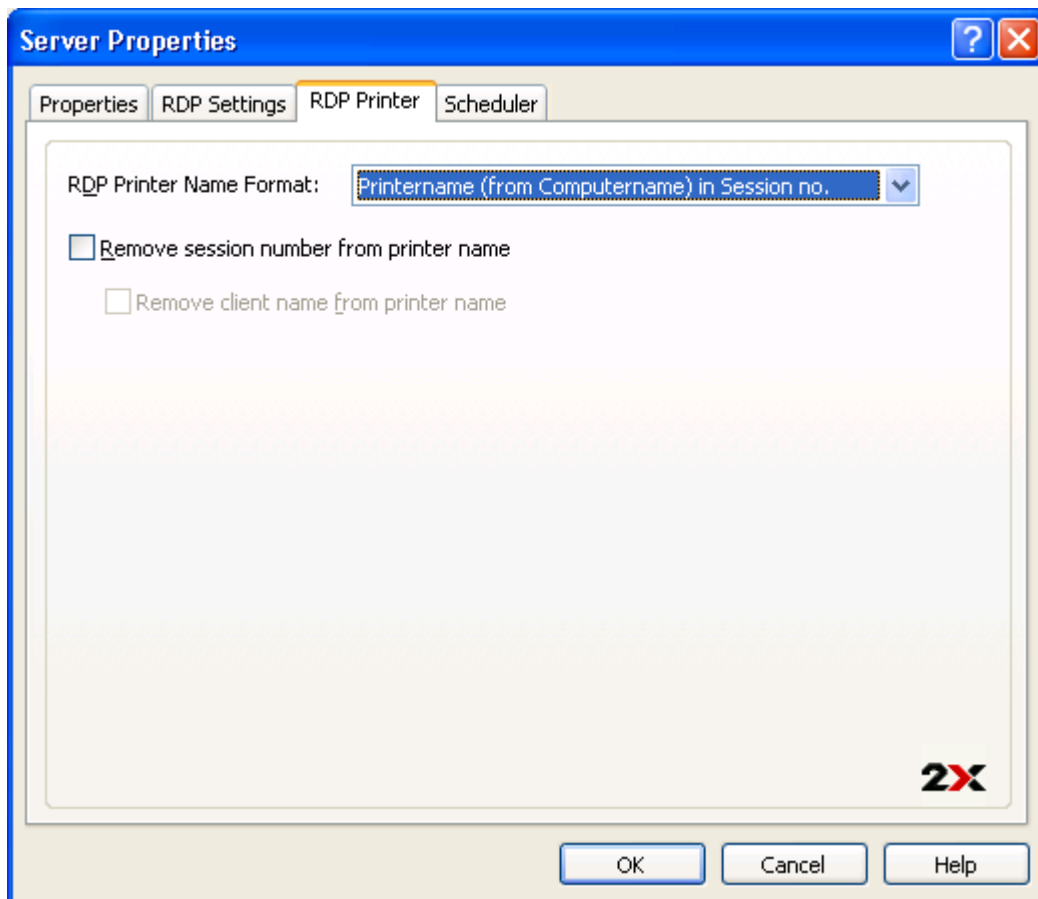


Figure 97 - RDP Printer Settings

Using the 'RDP Printer Name Format' you can choose the format of the printer name displayed on the Terminal Server. 2X VirtualDesktopServer offers the feature to remove either the client name, session number or both. This is done by checking 'Remove session number from printer name' and 'Remove client name from printer name'.

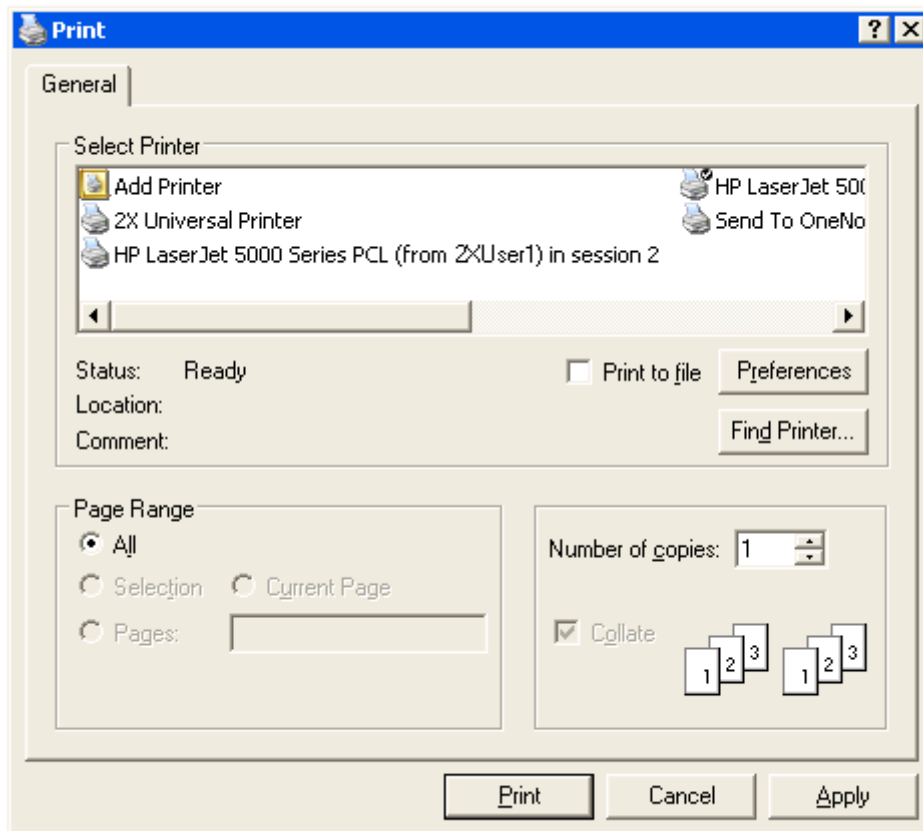


Figure 98 - Printer Settings with Redirected Printer

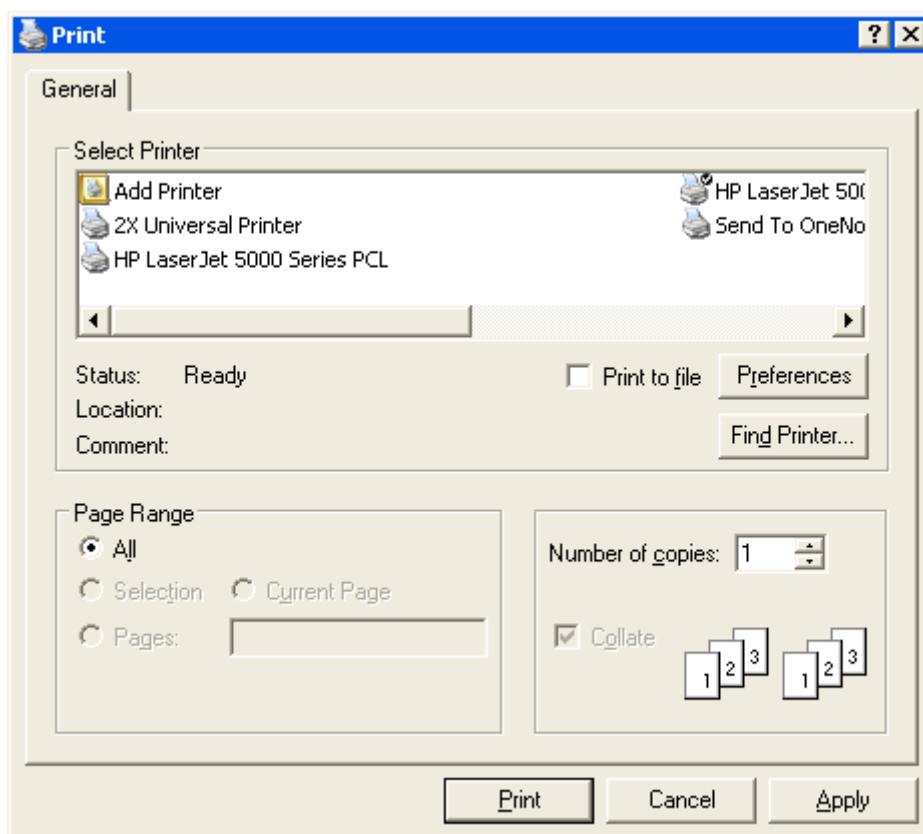


Figure 99 - Printer Settings with Redirected Printer, Removed Client Name and Session Number

Scheduler

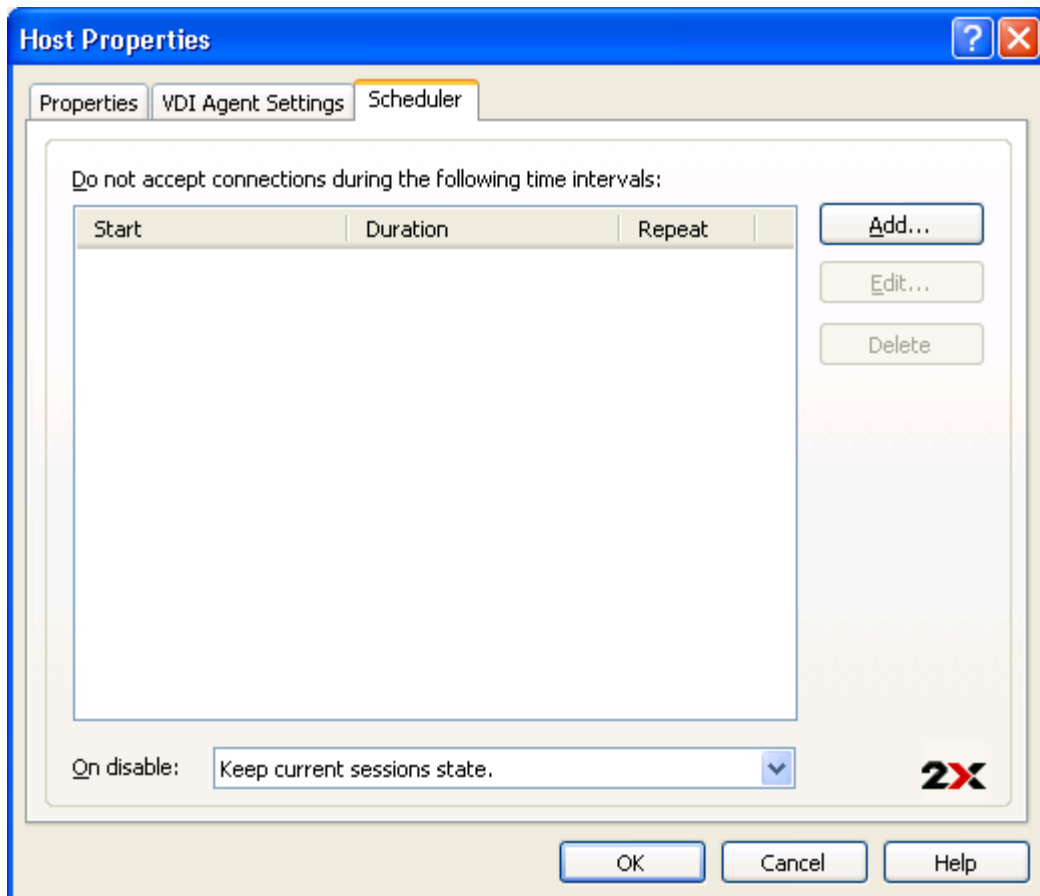


Figure 100 - Scheduler

Using the Scheduler, you can set your Terminal Server not to accept connections between a set time. To add a Scheduler Entry simply click 'Add' and then start by entering the date and time you want to restrict you Terminal Server. Select the duration of the schedule entry. The 'Duration' field accepts time in days, hours, minutes, seconds or any combination. Example: 3 days,, 5 hours, 45 minutes, 30 seconds. The entry can be set to be repeated.

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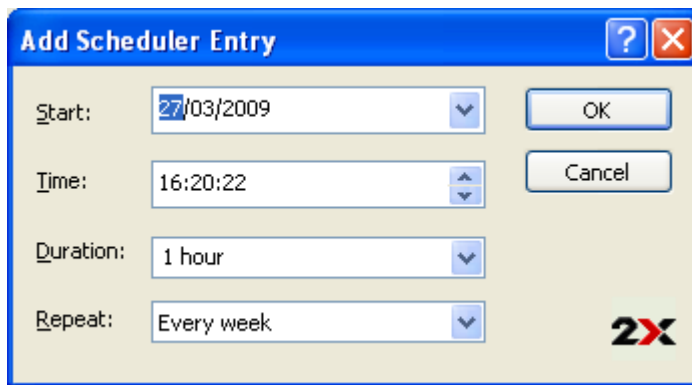


Figure 101 - Add Scheduler Entry

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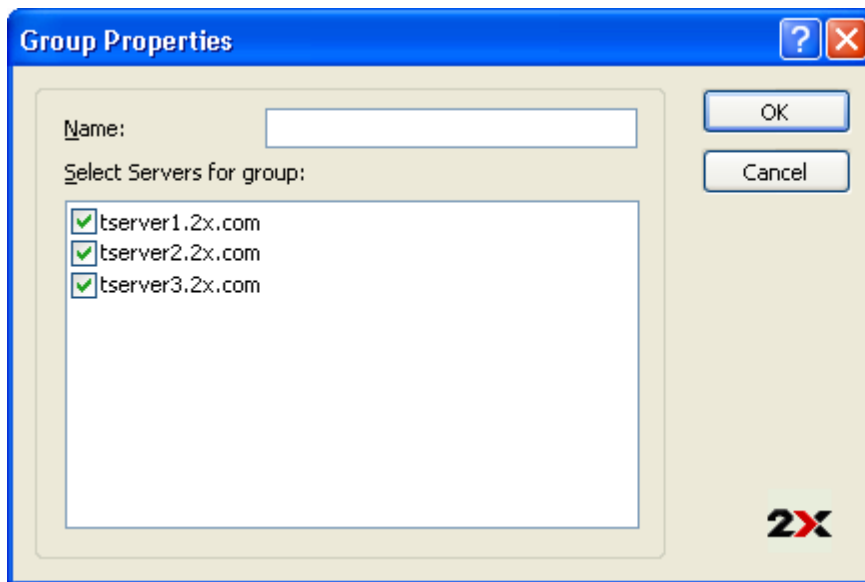


Figure 102 - Group Properties

Virtual Hosts

In this page you can add VDI Hosts (VMware, Microsoft Virtual Server, Sun VirtualBox, Virtual Iron). You have two ways to add Servers to the farm. You can either automatically search for available VDI Hosts within your domain by clicking the 'Find...' button or you can click on the 'Add...' button to manually add the VDI Hosts.

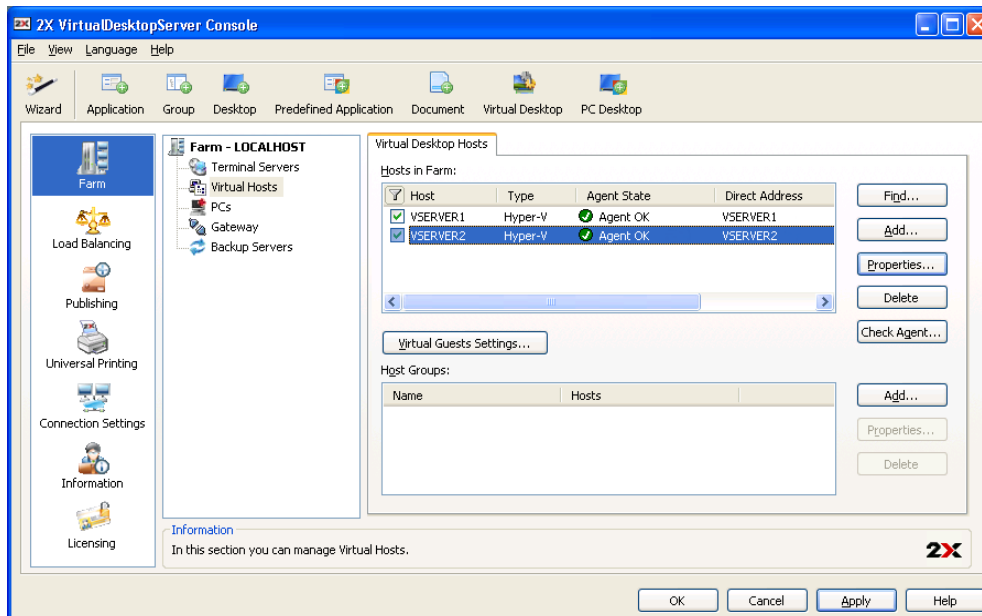


Figure 103 - Add VDI Hosts to the farm –VDS Edition

NOTE: The checkbox next to the server name indicates the particular server is available to users on this farm. To disable a server temporarily, uncheck this checkbox.

Find a Virtual Host

Click the 'Find...' button to automatically search for available Virtual Hosts.

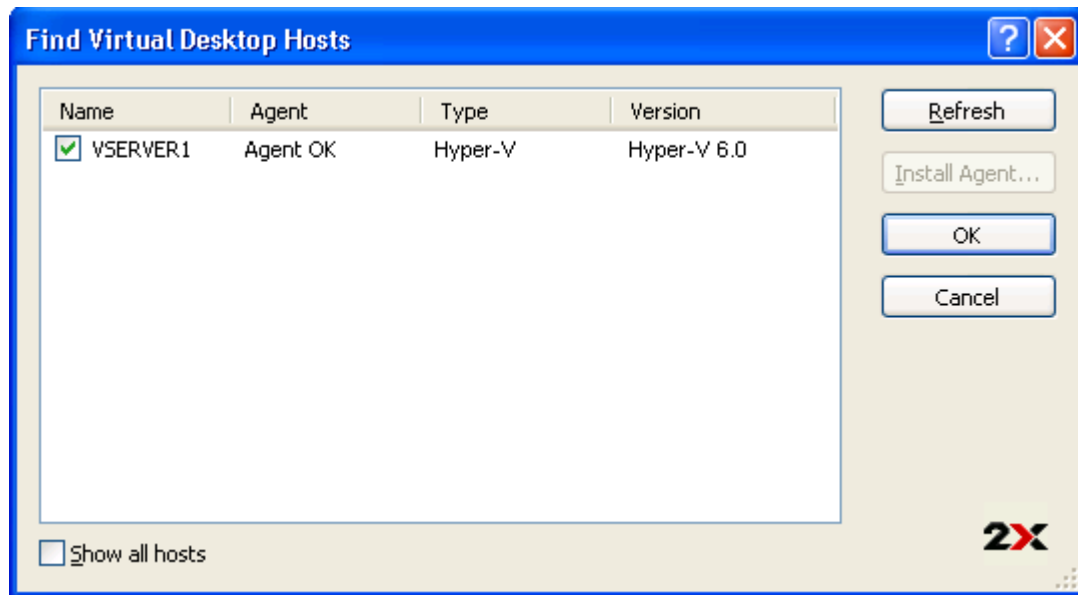


Figure 104 - Find available VDI Hosts

All Virtual Hosts within your domain will appear on the list of available servers to your farm, also identifying the host type. To add a server to the farm, enable the checkbox in front of the server name. Click the 'OK' button.

Figure 105 - Configure each Host properties

Host Properties

To enable this host in the farm, make sure that the 'Enable Host in farm' checkbox is checked.

Select the VDI provider of the host from the 'VDI Type' field and the version that you are using from the 'VDI Version' field. To change the Host name or IP address of a particular VDI host, use the 'VDI Host' field.

Appliance settings can only be used with certain servers. Please refer to the [list of approved providers](#) and choose the specific document for more information on how to connect to your virtual host.

To start using the new host, please enter the username and password of the host. Click on 'Check Credentials' if you would like to test the username and password before clicking 'OK'.

Host Settings

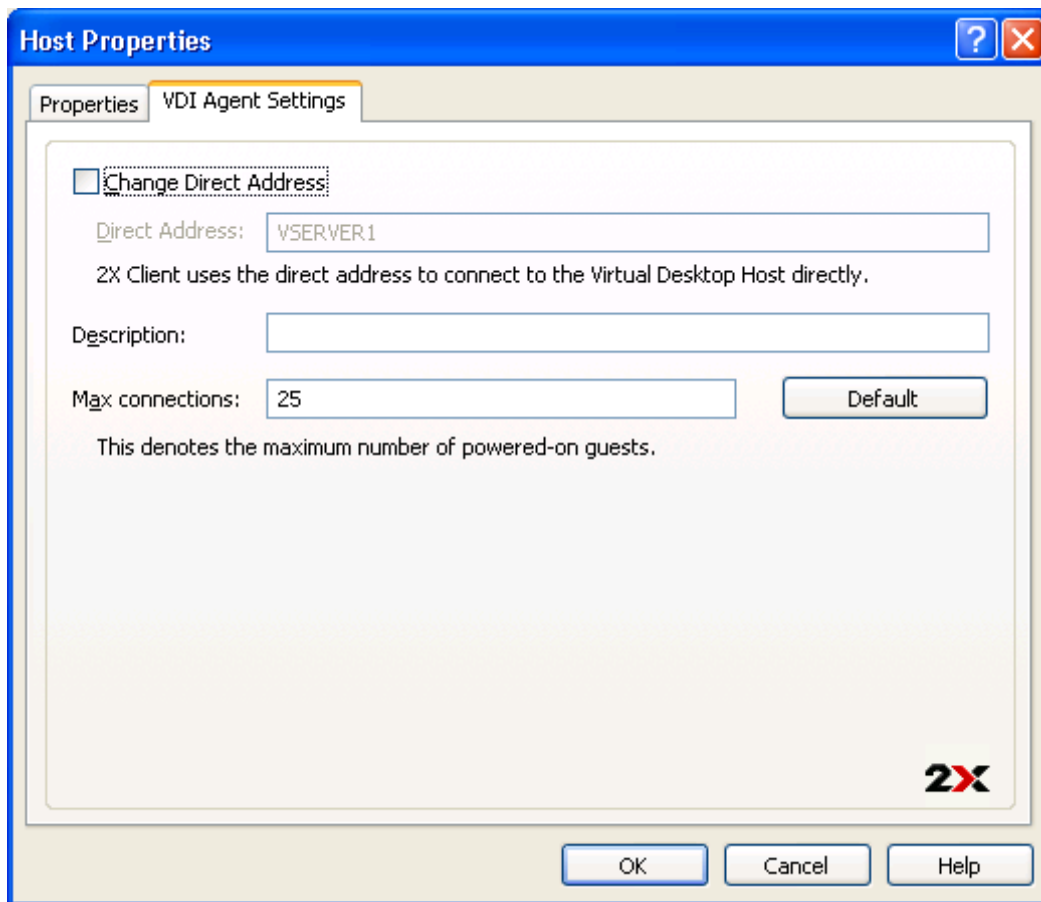


Figure 106 - Configure the VDI Agent Settings

You can configure the direct address by checking 'Change Direct Address' checkbox and type a new direct address. This address is used in Direct Connection mode only (this is an internal or external IP address) depending on where the clients will be. If external, these IP addresses must be assigned at your firewall to your servers).

A 'Description' can be given to the host which can be used to easily identify different server from one another.

Next you can type the maximum number of powered-on guests you want this host to accept.

NOTE: It will be necessary to install 2X VDI Agent on all Virtual Hosts before they can successfully participate in a load-balanced farm.

Add a Virtual Host

To manually **add** a Host to your farm click the 'Add...' button and then choose a 'VDI Type' and enter the Host name or IP address in the 'VDI Host:' field as shown in the figure below.

Appliance settings can only be used with certain servers. Please refer to the [list of approved providers](#) and choose the specific document for more information on how to connect to your virtual host.

Click 'Next' to continue.

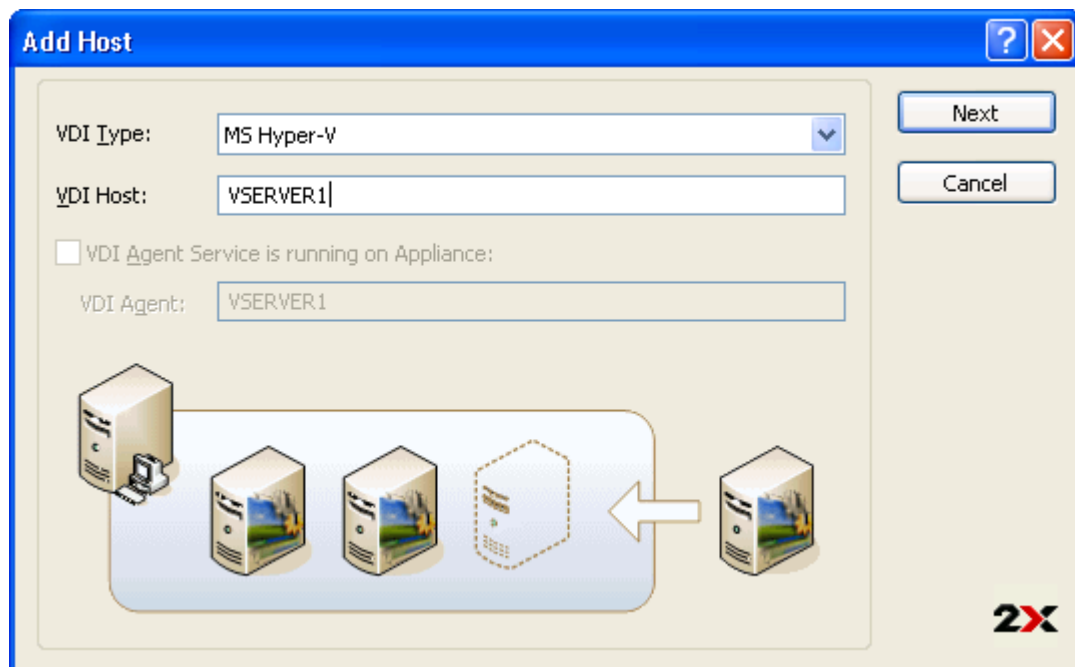


Figure 107 - Manually add a new Host

2X VirtualDesktopServer will check whether 2X VDI Agent is installed. Check the status and if the status states that the Agent did not reply or the service is not installed, click the '**Install...**' button. Please refer to the chapter entitled "[Installing the 2X VDI Agent remotely from 2X Console](#)" for more information about how to install the 2X VDI Agent.

Click 'Next' if the status states that the Agent is already installed.

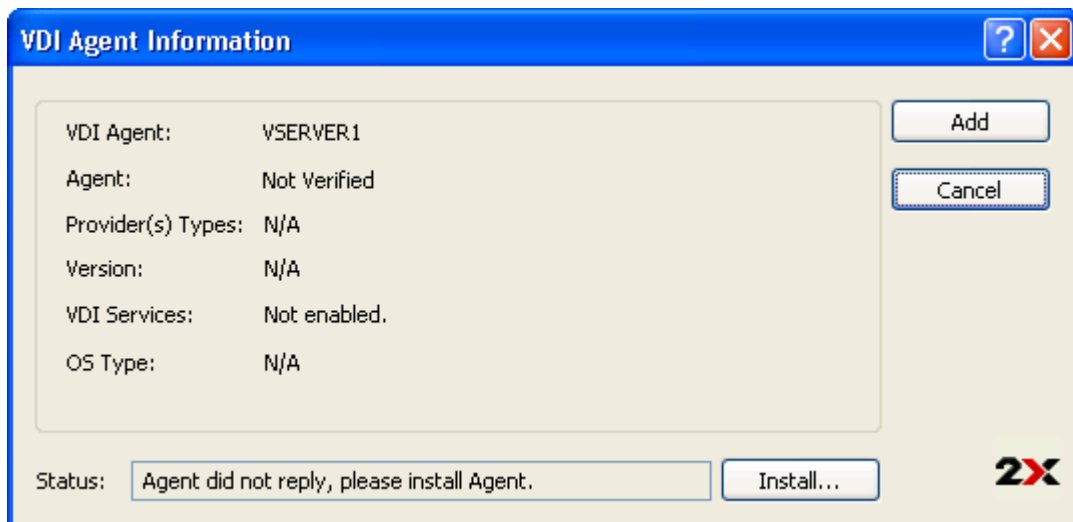


Figure 108 - VDI Agent Information

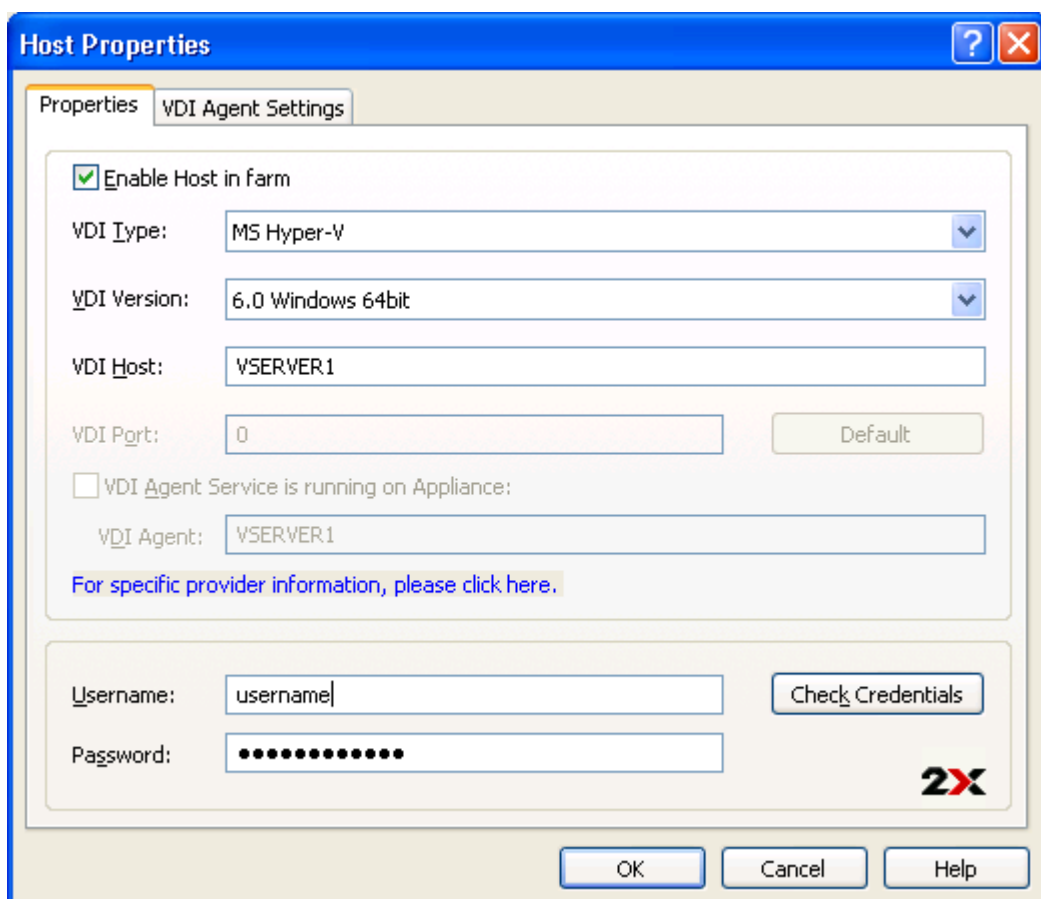


Figure 109 - Configure each Host properties

Host Properties

To enable this host in the farm, make sure that the 'Enable Host in farm' checkbox is checked.

Select the VDI provider of the host from the 'VDI Type' field and the version that you are using from the 'VDI Version' field. To change the Host name or IP address of a particular VDI host, use the 'VDI Host' field.

Appliance settings can only be used with certain servers. Please refer to the [list of approved providers](#) and choose the specific document for more information on how to connect to your virtual host.

To start using the new host, please enter the username and password of the host. Click on 'Check Credentials' if you would like to test the username and password before clicking 'OK'.

Host Settings

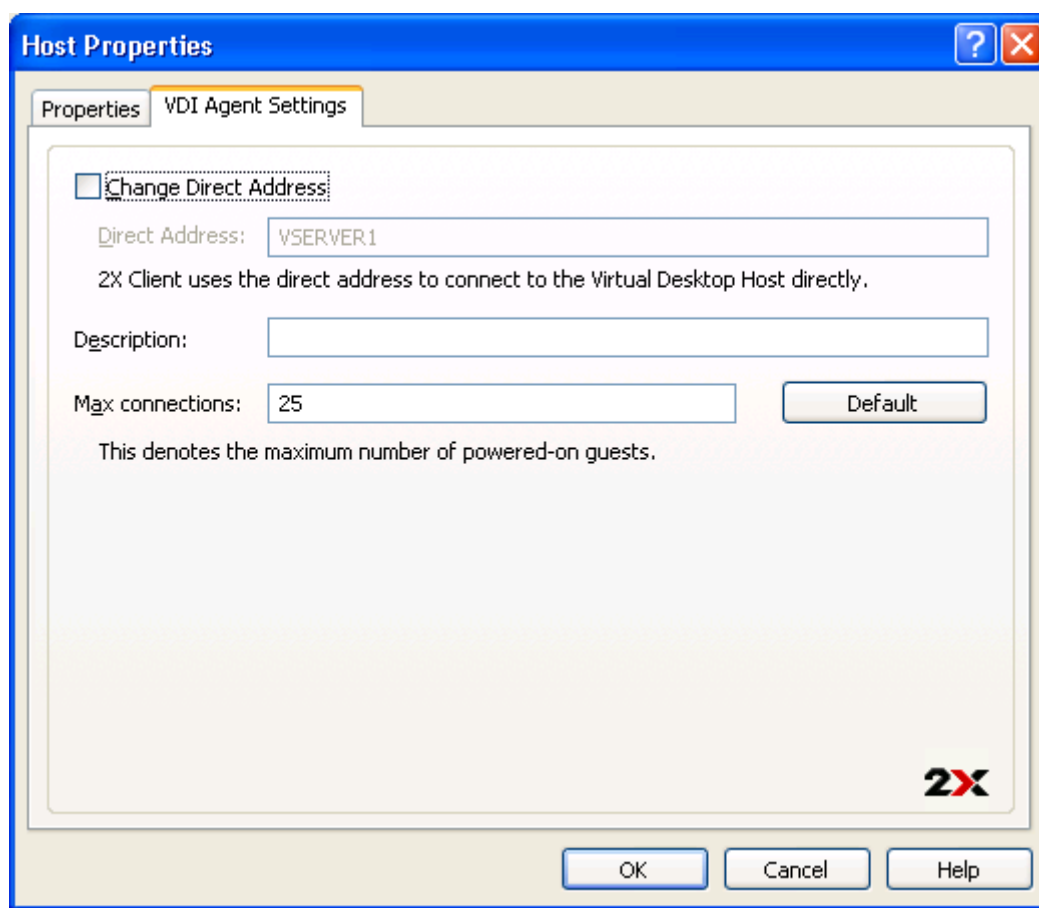


Figure 110 - Configure the VDI Agent Settings

You can configure the direct address by checking 'Change Direct Address' checkbox and type a new direct address. This address is used in Direct Connection mode only (this is an internal or external IP address) depending on where the clients will be. If external, these IP addresses must be assigned at your firewall to your servers).

A 'Description' can be given to the host which can be used to easily identify different server from one another.

Next you can type the maximum number of powered-on guests you want this host to accept.

Edit a Virtual Host

To **edit** the configuration of each Host, select the particular Host and click the 'Properties...' button. You can also double click each Host to edit its configuration.

Scheduler

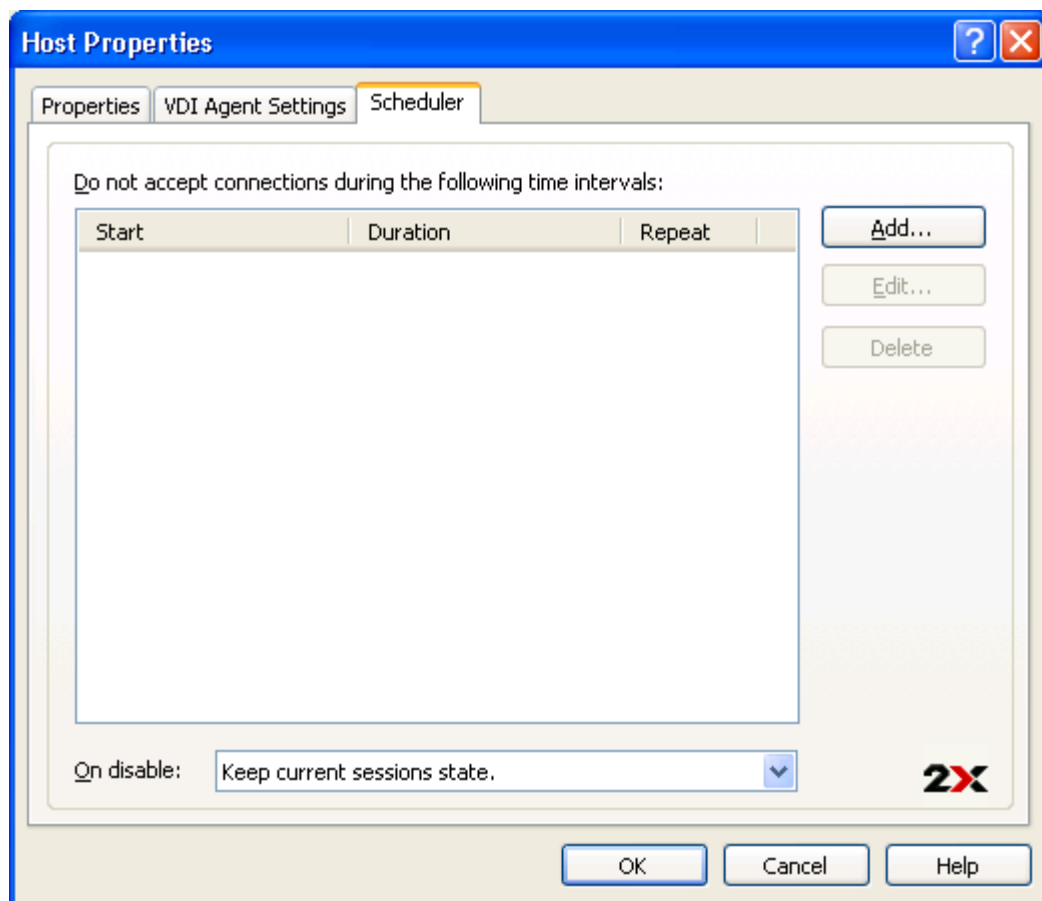


Figure 111 - Scheduler

Using the Scheduler, you can set your Terminal Server not to accept connections between a set time. To add a Scheduler Entry simply click 'Add' and then start by entering the date and time you want to restrict you Terminal Server. Select the duration of the schedule entry. The 'Duration' field accepts time in days, hours, minutes, seconds or any combination. Example: 3 days, 5 hours, 45 minutes, 30 seconds. The entry can be set to be repeated.

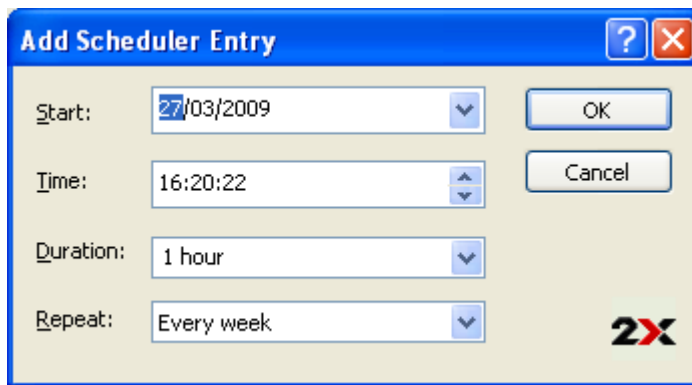


Figure 112 - Add Scheduler Entry

The Scheduler tab will be available when editing the Terminal Server's properties.

'On disable' will allow you to choose the action taken on the current sessions by 2X VirtualDesktopServer once a Terminal Server is disabled while a scheduled entry is active.

Delete a Virtual Host

To **delete** a Host from the farm, select the particular Host and click the 'Delete' button. You can also use the Delete key from the keyboard instead of using the 'Delete' button.

Check Agent

Once you have finished adding your Virtual Desktop Hosts select a virtual host (one at a time) and click the '**Check Agent**' button. If the 2X Publishing Agent can communicate with the 2X VDI Agent running on the Host, you will receive this message:

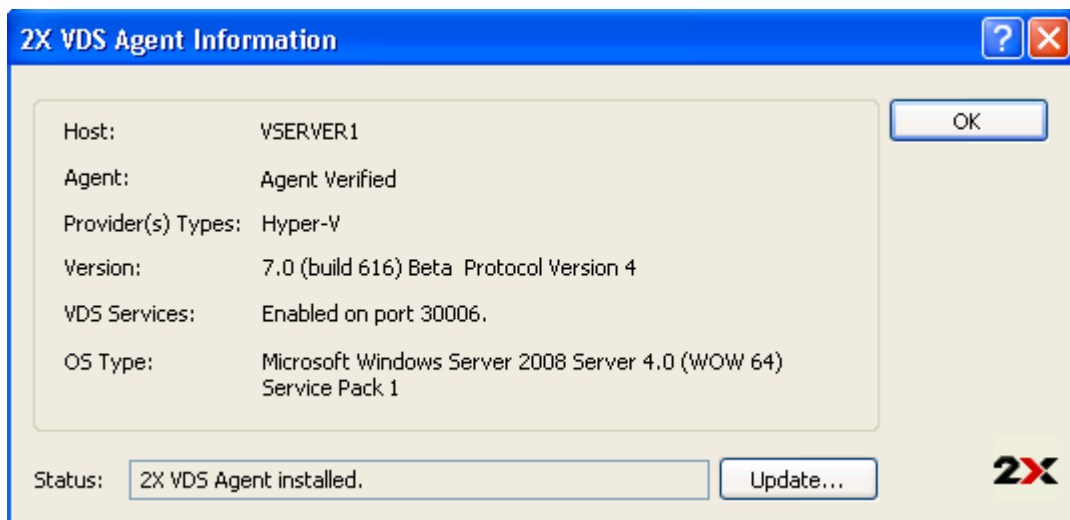


Figure 113 - 2X VDI Agent verified by 'Check Agent'

NOTE: Make sure that 2X VDI Agent is installed on each Virtual Desktop Host added to the farm. 2X VDI Agent collects the information required by 2X Publishing Agent to be able to load balance each session according to available resources.

Host Groups

To organize your Hosts in groups, click the 'Add...' button in the Host Groups Panel. Type the name that you want to give to the new group and select the Hosts which are going to be used within that group.

Host Groups are useful when you want to publish a virtual desktop which is located on a number of VDI Hosts but not in the whole farm. Therefore when publishing a virtual desktop you can select the group of VDI Hosts which may hosts the virtual desktop from the 'Publish From' tab.

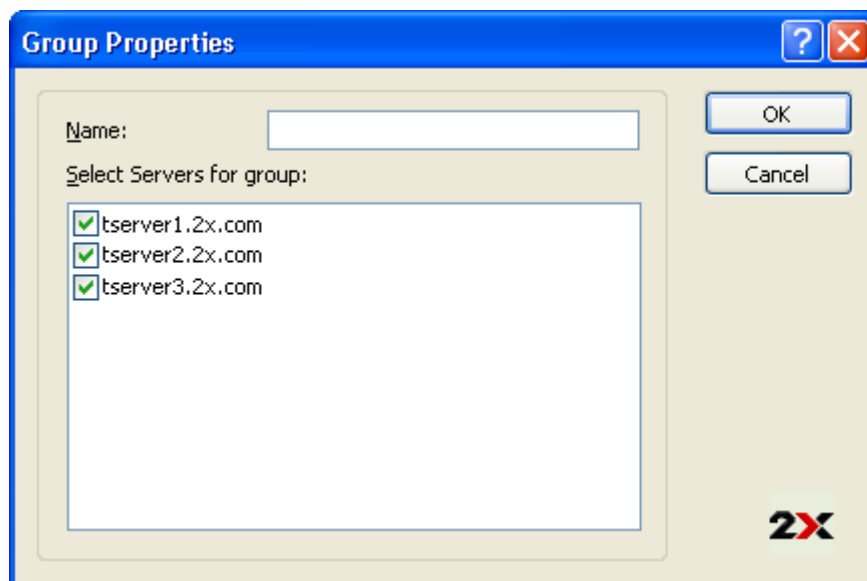


Figure 114 - Group Properties

Virtual Guests

To view the Virtual Guests connected to the selected Virtual Desktop Server click on 'Virtual Guests Settings...'. From here you can start, stop, suspend and reset any of the Virtual Guests connected to the server.

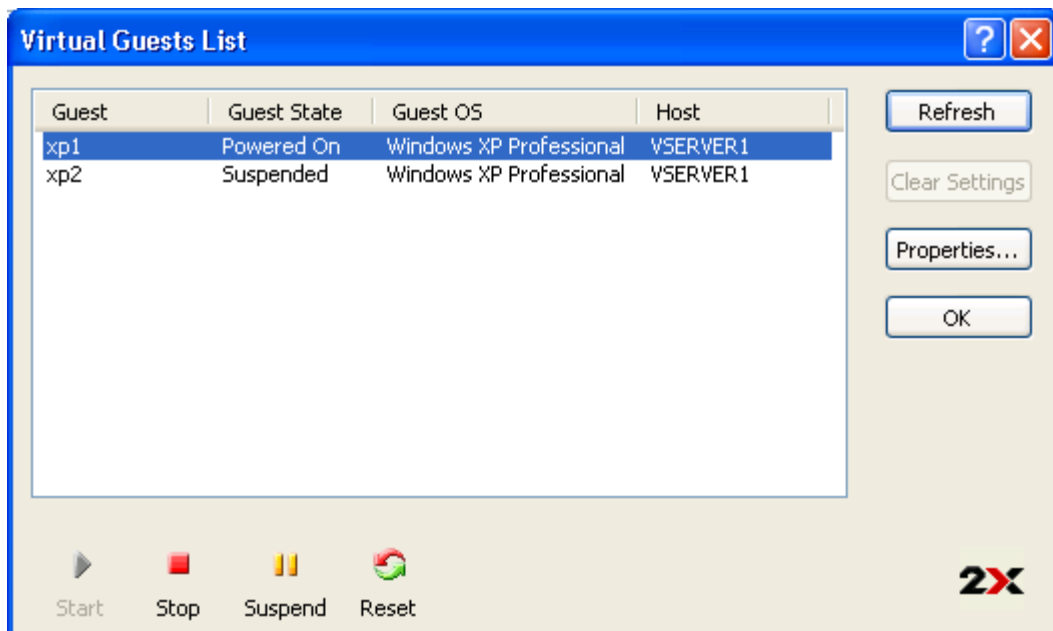


Figure 115 - Virtual Guest List

To view the advanced settings of the selected Virtual Guest click on 'Properties..'

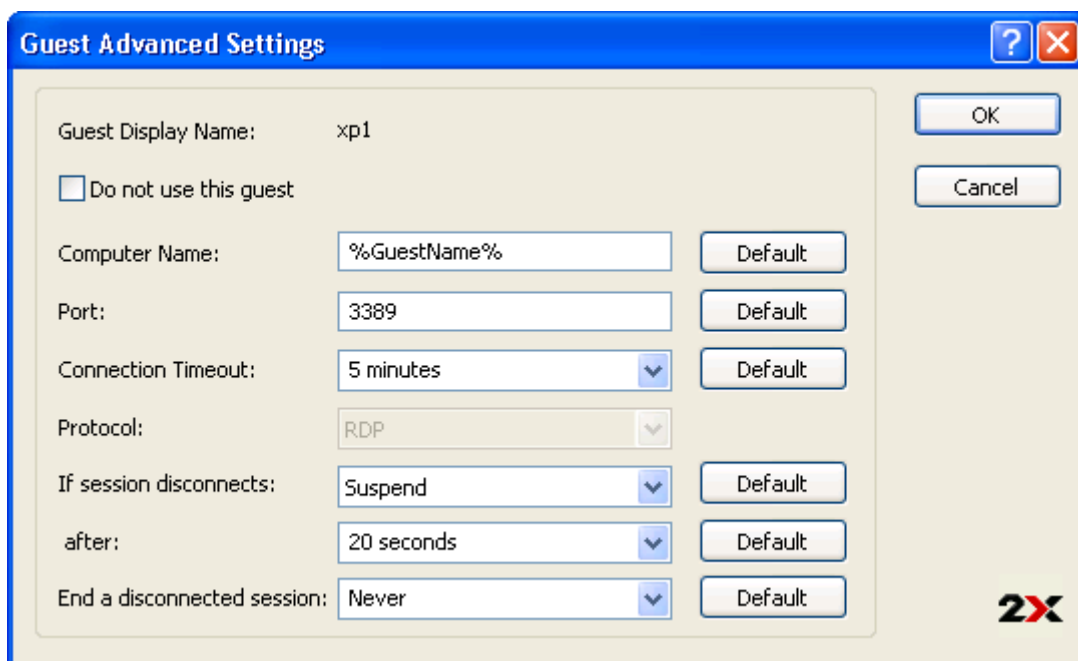


Figure 116 - Virtual Guest Advanced Settings

Enable 'Do not use this guest' for the system to ignore the particular Virtual Guest.

The 'Computer Name' field allows you to set the network name (domain name / IP address) of the computer that the system will use to connect to the Virtual Guest.

The 'Port' field will contain the port number that the system will use to connect to the Virtual Guest.

The 'Connection Timeout' is the time limit set on the attempt for the 2X VirtualDesktopServer to connect to the particular Virtual Guest.

'Protocol' is the method use for 2X VirtualDesktopServer to communicate with the Virtual Guest.

You can set what actions the guest will take if a user disconnects from a session by choosing an option from the 'If session disconnects' drop down list. You can choose the amount of time that needs to pass before the selected action is taken.

A session can be terminated after the user disconnects from the session. You can choose the amount of time that needs to pass before the disconnected session is terminated. The user can reconnect to a previous session if that session is still available.

Personal Computers

With PCs, a physical machine's desktop can be published (after adding it to the Farm). This will enable 2X Clients connected to 2X VirtualDesktopServer to open RDP connections directly to a physical computer as opposed to a virtual desktop or a Terminal Server session. You can either automatically search for available PCs within your domain by clicking the 'Find...' button or you can click on the 'Add...' button to manually add the PCs.

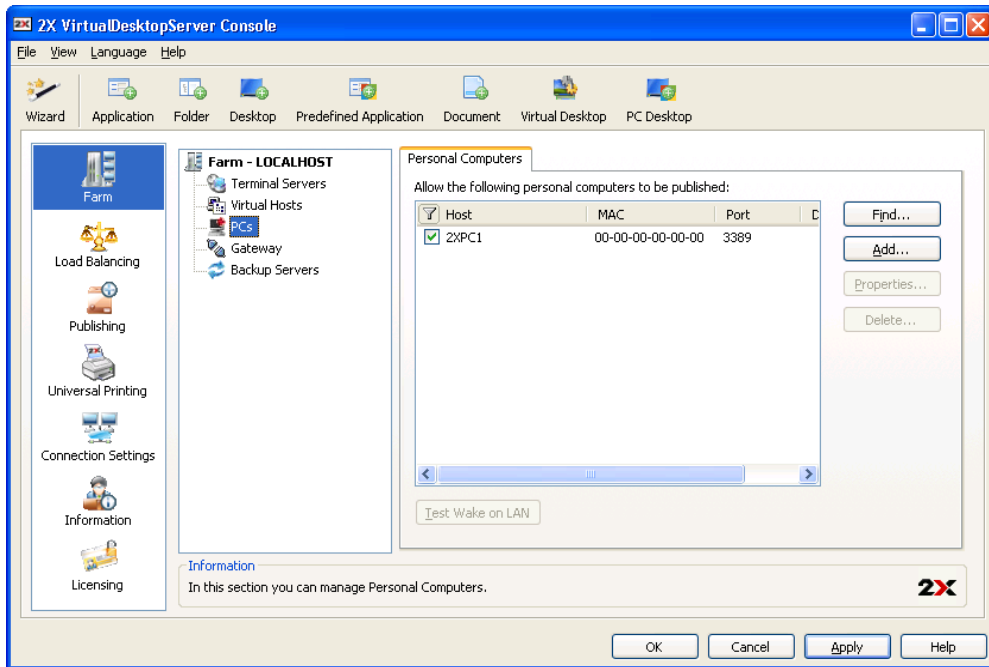


Figure 117 - PC Host

NOTE: The checkbox next to the PC name indicates the particular PC is available to users on this farm. To disable a PC temporarily, uncheck this checkbox.

Find

Click the 'Find...' button to automatically search for available Personal Computers.

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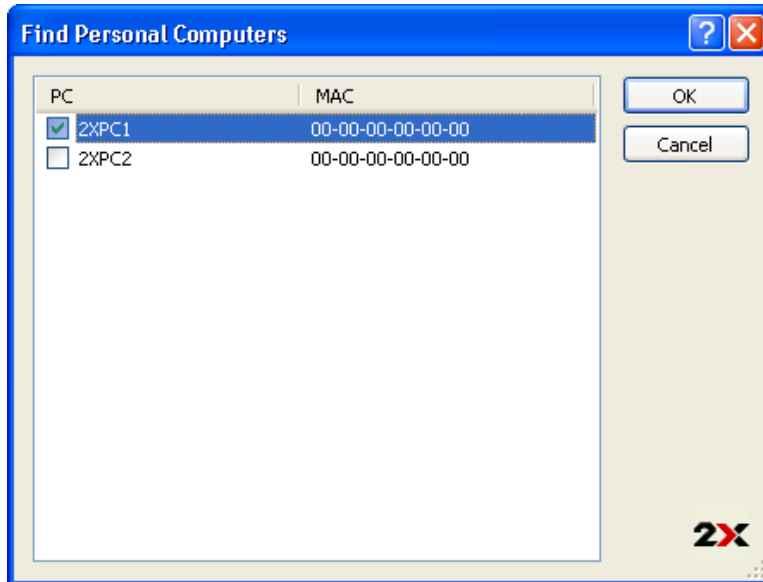


Figure 118 - Find available PCs

All Personal Computers within your domain will appear on the list of available servers to your farm, also identifying the MAC Address. To add a PC to the farm, enable the checkbox in front of the PC name. Click the 'OK' button to commit changes.

Add /Edit/Delete

To manually **add** a PC to your farm click the 'Add...' button and then type the PC name or IP address in the 'Server:' field as shown in the figure below. Then click 'Next'.

Figure 119 - Configure the PC's properties

Personal Computer Properties

Make sure that 'Enable Personal Computer' is enabled if you want the new PC to be enabled in your Farm. Enter the name or IP of the PC you would like to add. The default RDP port is 3389 but you can change it to match the RDP port used by the PC.

Enter the MAC Address of the PC you would like to add. Use the 'Get MAC' button, in case you are adding your local machine, to easily get the MAC Address of the machine you are using. The MAC Address is needed if you want to use the 'Wake on LAN' feature when running a published PC desktop from the 2X Client to boot up a PC that maybe switched off.

In the RDP settings you can configure the direct address by checking 'Change Direct Address' checkbox and type a new direct address. This address is used in Direct Connection mode only (this is an internal or external IP address) depending where the clients will be. If external, these IP addresses must be assigned at your firewall to your servers).

A 'Description' can be given to the host which can be used to easily identify different server from one another.

2X VirtualDesktopServer is able to 'wake' a PC by sending a packet of the network. This will continue until the receipt of the packet is acknowledged or until the connection is timed out. Choose how long the time out should take from the 'Connection Timeout' drop down list.

The 'Test Wake on LAN' button will send a packet to the selected PC. Make sure that the PC is on the same subnet as the 2X Publishing Agent. If the PC supports 'Wake on LAN' and the packet is successfully received, the PC will boot up.

To **edit** the configuration of each PC, select the particular PC and click the 'Properties...' button. You can also double click each PC to edit its configuration.

To **delete** a PC from the farm, select the particular PC and click the 'Delete' button. You can also use the Delete key from the keyboard instead of using the 'Delete' button.

Gateway

In this page you may configure which port to use for 2X Client Gateway service while you may also enable or disable RDP and Citrix services.

The **2X Client Gateway Port** (default TCP 80) is used to tunnel all 2X traffic over this port. The traffic that can be tunneled through this port include the 2X Publishing Agent traffic (load balanced application and desktop publishing), HTTP Server and RDP traffic. 2X Client Gateway Port is also used to tunnel secure connections (SSL) over the same port.

The **RDP Port** (default TCP 3389) is used for clients who require basic load balanced desktop sessions. Connections on this port do not support published items.

The **Citrix Port** (default TCP 1494) is used for the incoming Citrix connections which will be forwarded to the configured Citrix servers according to the load balancing configuration. To disable this service, you may uncheck the check box in front of 'Citrix Port'.

Enable 'Broadcast 2X Client Gateway Address' checkbox to broadcast of the 2X Client Gateway address., and 2X Clients will be able to auto find their primary server (2X Client Gateway address).

NOTE: RDP Port cannot be used if the machine on which the 2X Client Gateway is installed has terminal services enabled.

The screenshot shows the '2X Client Gateway' window with the 'Security' tab selected. The 'Settings' section contains the following options:

- ☒ **2X Client Gateway Port:** 80 (Default button, Advanced... button)
- ☐ **RDP Port:*** 3389 (Default button)
* Please make sure that this port does not conflict with the standard 'Terminal Server Port' setting.
- ☒ **Citrix Port:** 1494 (Default button)
- ☒ **Broadcast 2X Client Gateway Address**

The 'Security' section contains the following options:

- ☒ **Enable SSL on Port:** 443 (Default button)
- Private Key file:** [Empty text box] (... button)
- Certificate file:** [Empty text box] (... button)
- Generate new certificate...** (button)

Figure 120 - Client Gateway settings and Security settings.

NOTE: You can change the port to any number you may want, as long as it does NOT conflict with any other application using the same port you choose.

Security

The security page allows you to filter connections through your gateway by matching MAC addresses. It is possible to block out MAC addressed or else only allow the specified entries to run published applications.

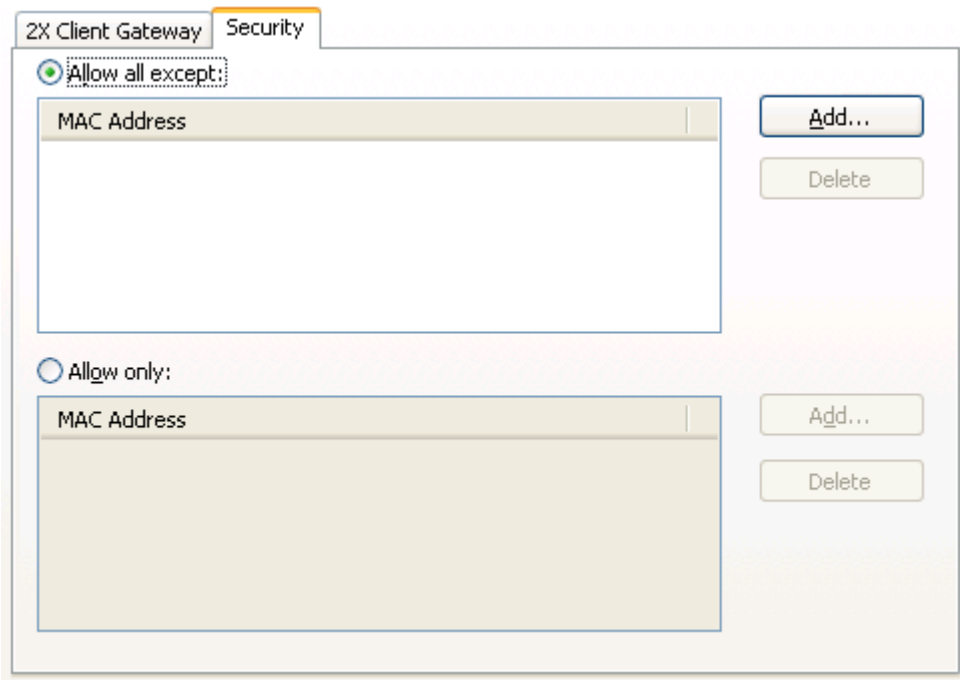


Figure 121 - Security Tab

There are two (2) options that you can use; the first is to allow all users except the specified MAC addresses, or the second were you only allow the specified MAC addresses.

To allow all MAC addresses except the specified ones, select “**Allow all except**”, and then click “**Add...**”

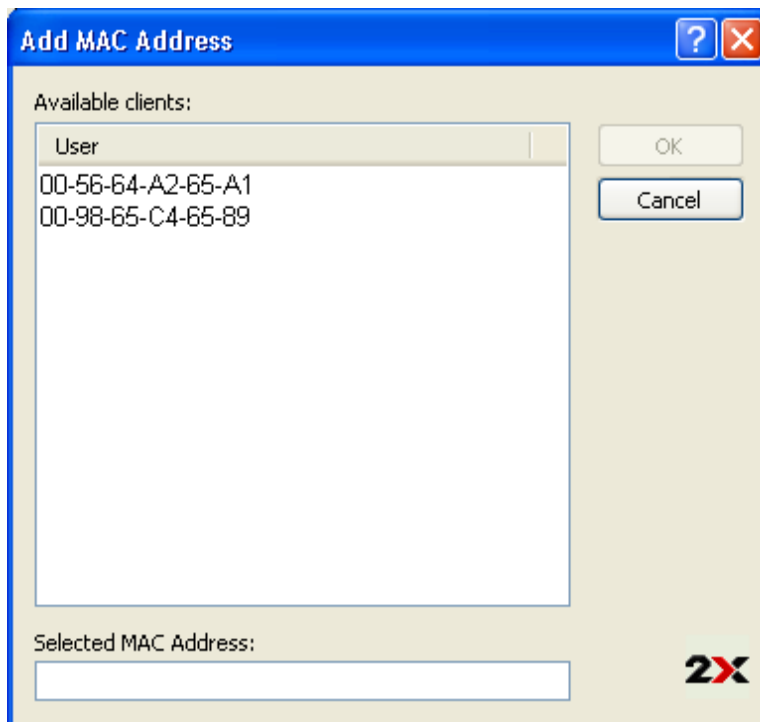


Figure 122 - Allow all except dialog

You can select any one of the listed MAC addresses or type in a pre known MAC address, and click “**OK**”.

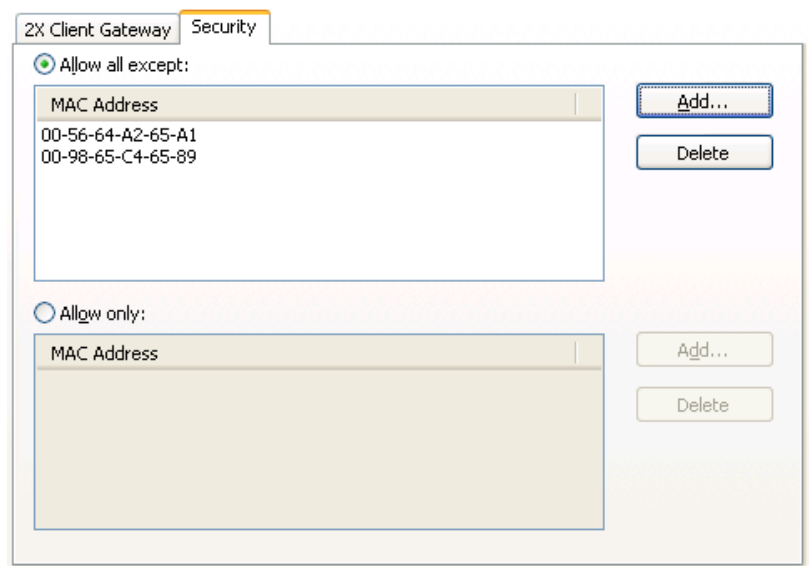


Figure 123 - Security Tab with added filtered users

Now as you can see in the above dialog 2 machines are not allowed to connect and run published applications.

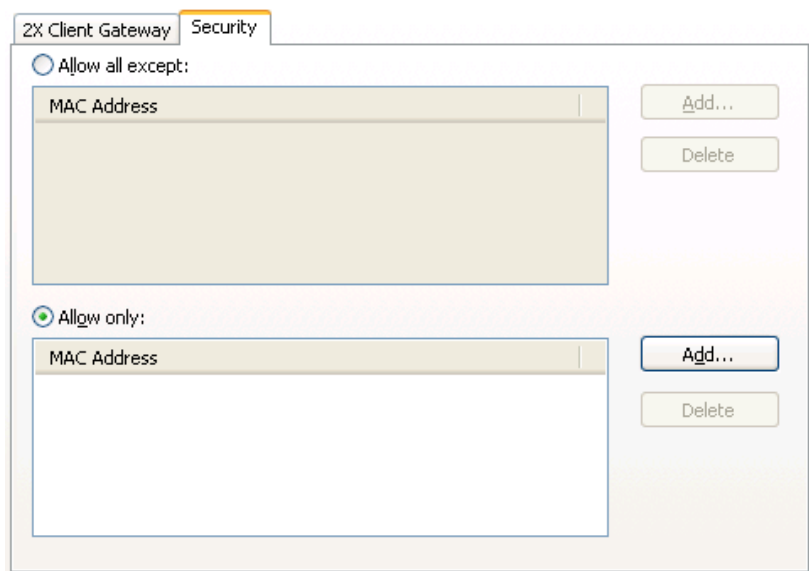


Figure 124 - Security Tab

To allow only the selected MAC addresses select “**Allow only**” and then click “**Add...**”

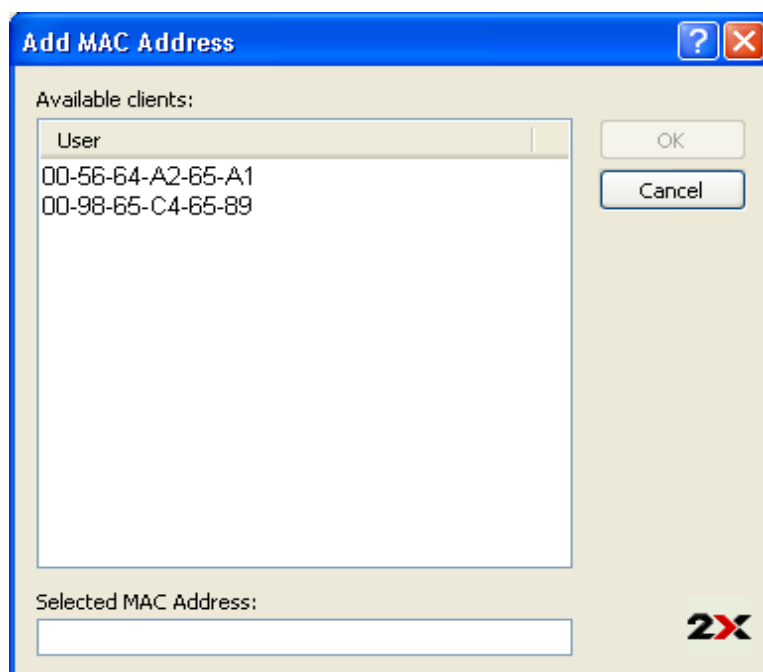


Figure 125 - Allow Only Dialog

You can select any one of the listed MAC addresses or type in a pre known MAC address, and click “**OK**”.

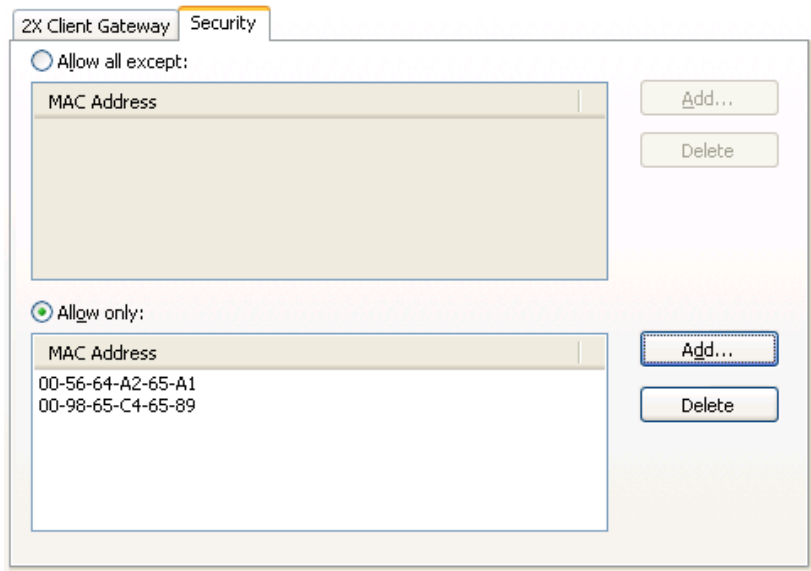


Figure 126 - Security Tab with added filtered users

Now as you can see in the above dialog only the 2 specified machines are allowed to run published applications.

Advanced Client Gateway Settings

2X Client Gateway tunnels all 2X traffic needed by 2X applications on a single port. This gateway service gives the ability to the System Administrator to tunnel the Terminal Servers (RDP), HTTP Server (81) and 2X Publishing (20002) over one port which by default is configured to port 80.

To configure the Advanced Client Gateway Setting, you'll need to assign a port number in the 'Client Gateway port' which by default is configured to port 80 (make sure that this port is not being used by another service) and then click the 'Advanced' button to configure the HTTP Server, and 2X Publishing Agent.

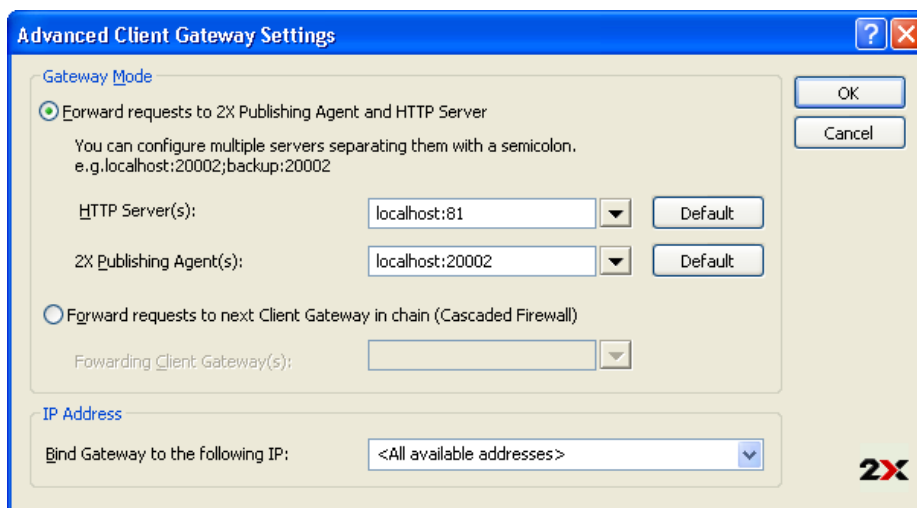


Figure 127 - Advanced Client Gateway Settings

This Advanced dialog allows you configure where is the HTTP server and the 2X Publishing Agent.

These services may be running on other Servers, and in this case you'll have to configure each setting with the correspondent IP address or computer name.

E.g. **HTTP Server:** webserver.internal.mycompany:81

Advanced Client Gateway (Multiple 2X Client Gateways)

2X offers the solution to install multiple 2X Client Gateways. These solutions offer a lot of flexibility to the Administrators in such situations as displayed in the above diagram.

As displayed in the diagram below, both 2X Client Gateways are configured to forward requests to the same 2X Publishing Agent.

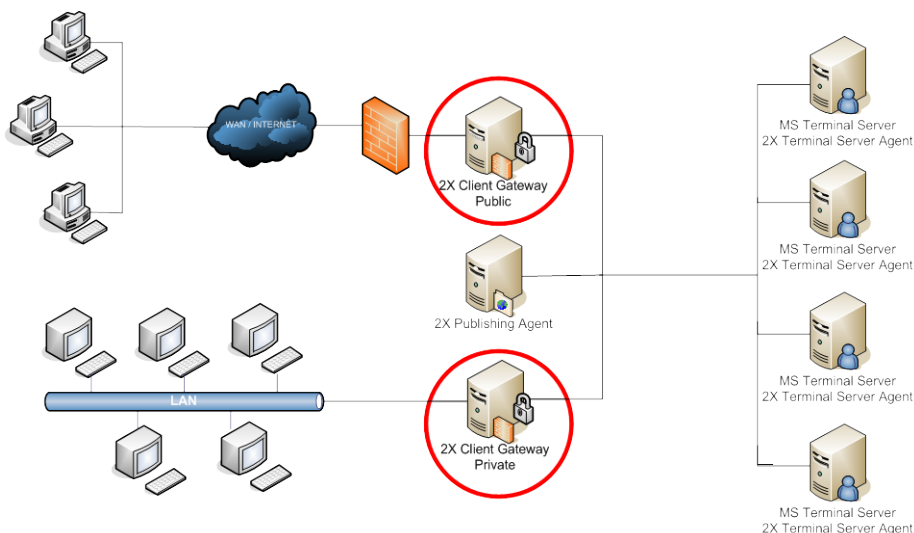


Figure 128 - Multiple 2X Client Gateways forwarding requests to 2X Publishing Agent

On each 2X Client Gateway, one should configure the Advanced Client Gateway settings and configure the 2X Publishing Agent.

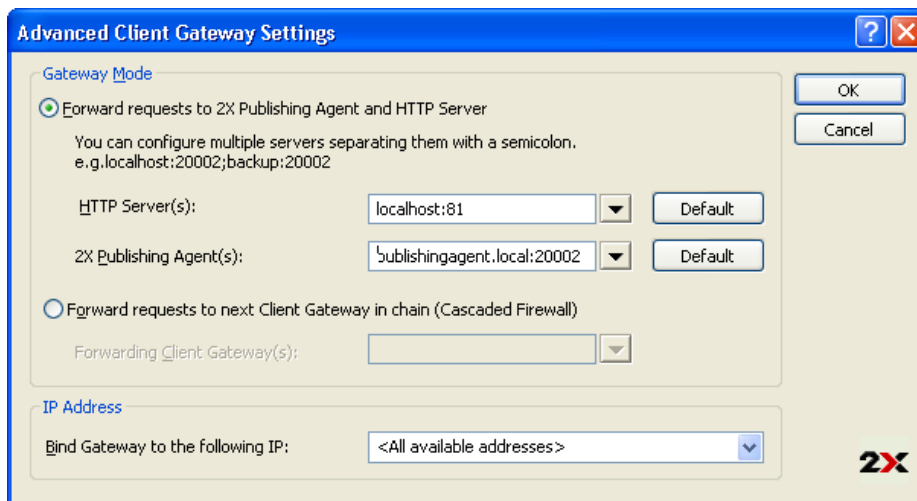


Figure 129 - Advanced Client Gateway Settings

One may also add additional 2X Publishing Agents by separating them with a semi colon or click on the drop down arrow '▼' which will open up a new window to allow you to enter more 2X Publishing Agents as displayed in the figure below.

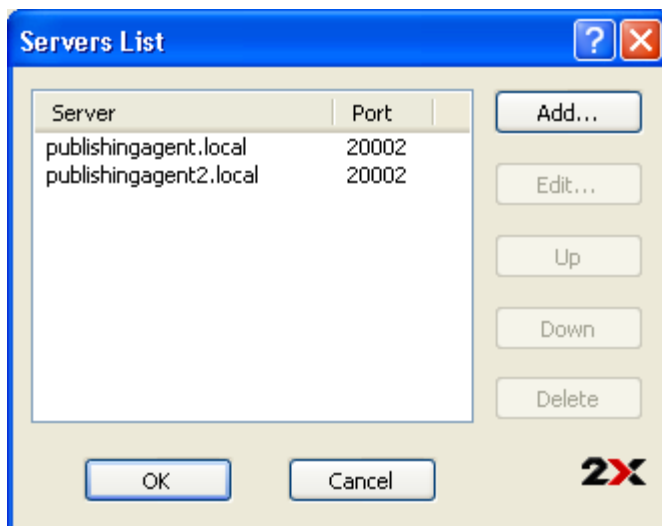


Figure 130 - Add 2X Publishing Agents list

The first publishing agent in the Servers list will be used by default. In the event that the first 2X Publishing Agent fails to respond, the next 2X Publishing Agent will be used.

NOTE: 2X Terminal Server Agents cannot be assigned to multiple 2X Publishing Agents. Therefore each 2X Publishing Agent should have each unique group of Terminal Servers. For more advanced and alternative scenarios and solutions please read [2X Server Based Computing Guide](#).

In order to install 2X Client Gateway, select 'Multiple Terminal Server' in the Installation Type and check '2X Client Gateway' option.

Please refer to the chapter entitled “Installing 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console” for more information about how to install the 2X Client Gateway.

Advanced Client Gateway (Forwarding Mode)

2X Client Gateway can forward requests to next Client Gateway in chain (Cascaded Firewall). With this option enabled the 2X Client Gateway installed on this machine [GATEWAY 1] (default running on port 80) will forward the requests to the next Client Gateway [GATEWAY 2] configured in the 'Forwarding Client Gateway(s)' list.

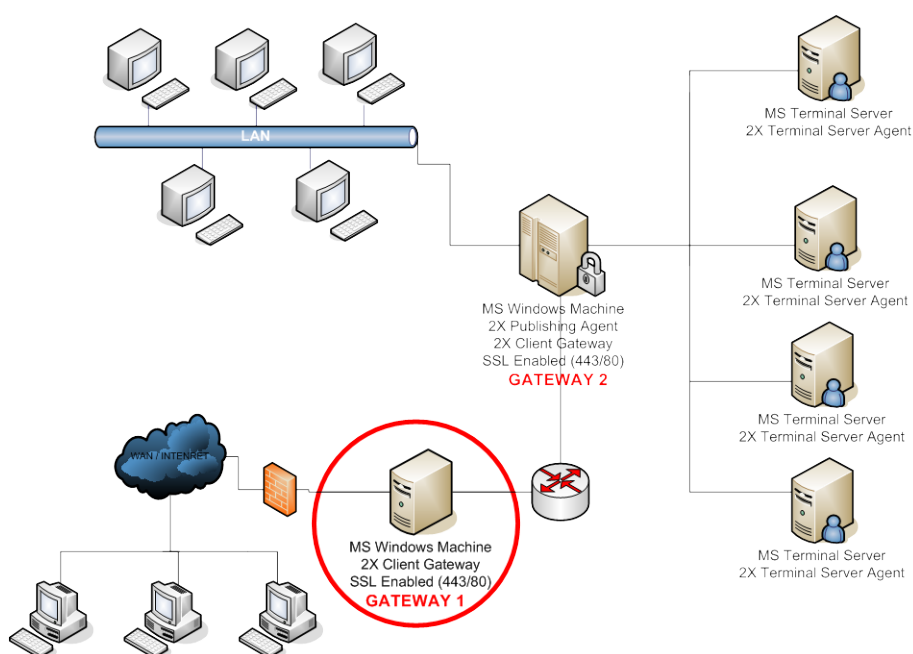


Figure 131 - Scenario with forwarding requests to next Client Gateway in chain

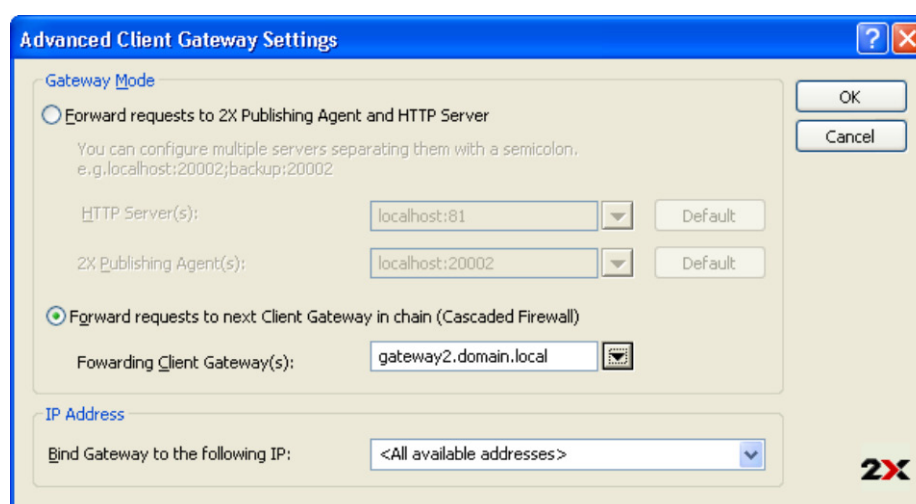


Figure 132 - Forwarding requests to next Client Gateway in chain

NOTE: All ports must be the same on each 2X Client Gateway. Therefore if 2X Client Gateway on server A is listening on port 80 and is configured to

forward the requests to 2X Client Gateway on server B, server B should be configured to listen on port 80. This also applies for the Citrix port (default 1494) and SSL (default 443).

NOTE: In order to install 2X Client Gateway, select 'Multiple Terminal Server' in the Installation Type and check '2X Client Gateway' option.

Please refer to the chapter entitled "[Installing 2X VirtualDesktopServer](#)" for more information about how to install the 2X Client Gateway.

NOTE: If you have problems to start the service, check the Log File and Event Viewer for more information. Please note that if the configured 2X Client Gateway port is assigned with another service, the 2X Client Gateway Service will not be able to start the service. In this case you must either configure the default port (80) to another port or configure the other service to use another port.

Users will not be able to connect through the gateway if this service is stopped. Note that all connections running through 2X Client Gateway Service will be dropped if the service is stopped or restarted.

Bind Gateway to an IP Address

In the Advanced Client Gateway Settings it is also possible to bind the Gateway with certain IP. This feature gives the ability to the Administrator to open 2X Client Gateway port (default port 80) on certain IP instead of opening 2X Client Gateway port on all available addresses.

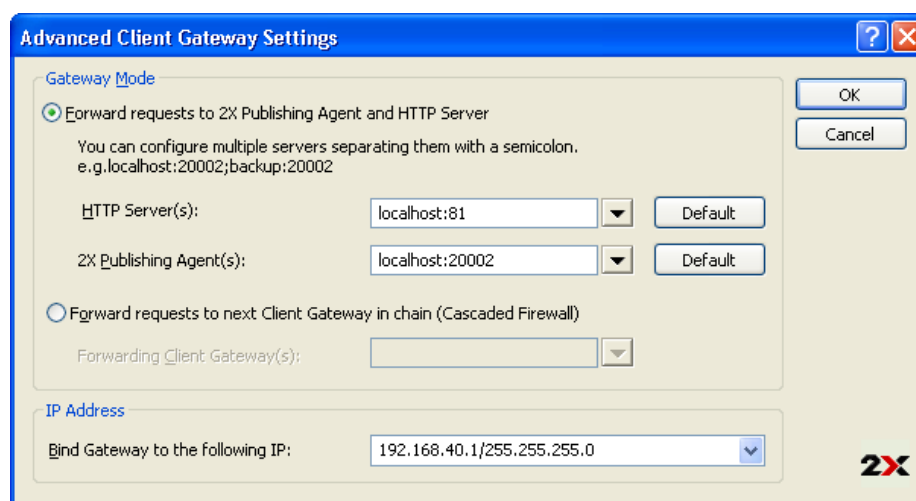


Figure 133 - Bind Gateway to an IP Address

Security

In this Client Gateway page you can enable Secure sockets Layer (SSL). In SSL mode, the 2X Client Gateway provides end-to-end SSL encryption to your terminal servers.

If you want your clients to connect to the 2X Client Gateway using SSL, make sure you click on 'Use SSL'. In this case a certificate and private key must be provided. You can use your own or simply click on 'Create a new certificate...' to create them. Enter all your information and the FQDN of your 2X VirtualDesktopServer (Common name) and click '**Generate new certificate...**'.

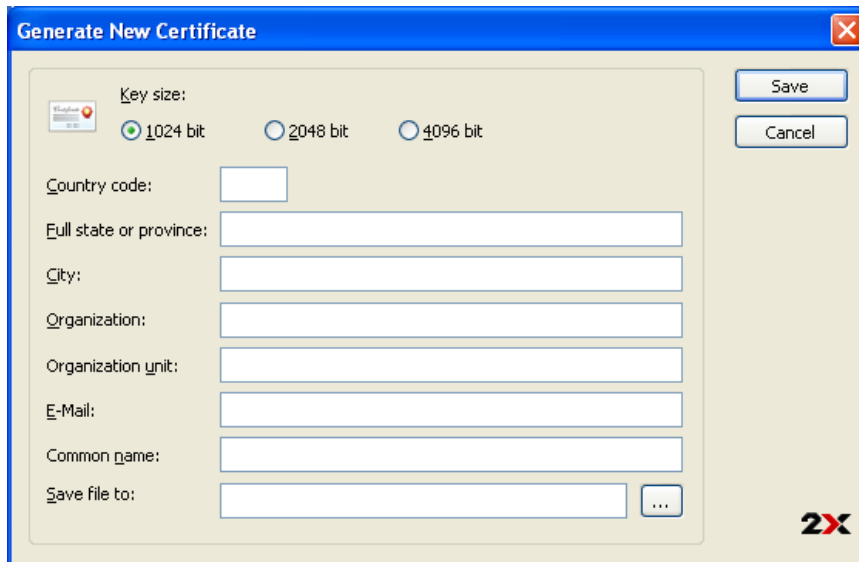


Figure 134 - Generate New Certificate

NOTE: If clients are not able to connect with port 443 because of firewalls or other policies, they could also use the 2X Client Gateway port (default 80) to connect using SSL. 2X Client Gateway offers the facility to tunnel SSL traffic over port 80.

Backup Servers

In this page one can add Backup Servers so that if the Master server fails, the next server in the list takes over.

The backup servers can also be used as additional Client Gateways to distribute the load on the gateways.

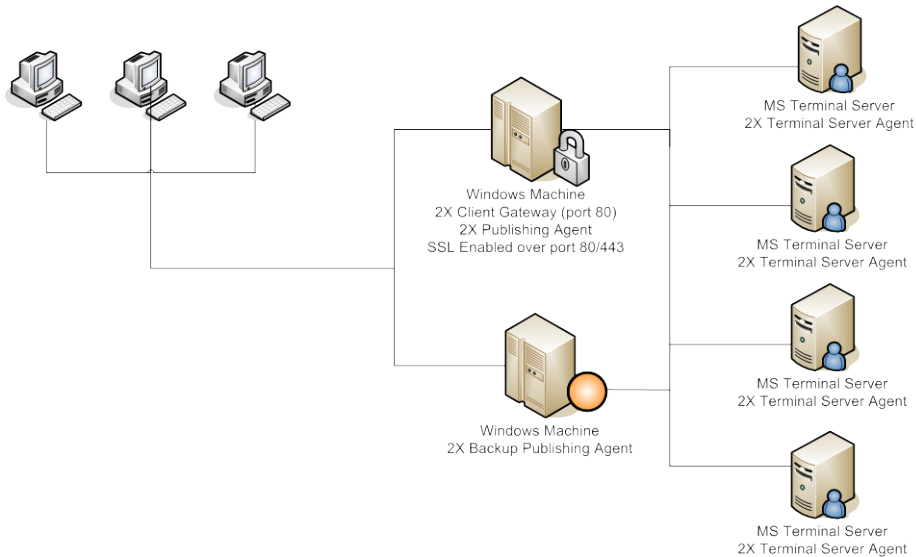


Figure 135 - Redundant VirtualDesktopServer

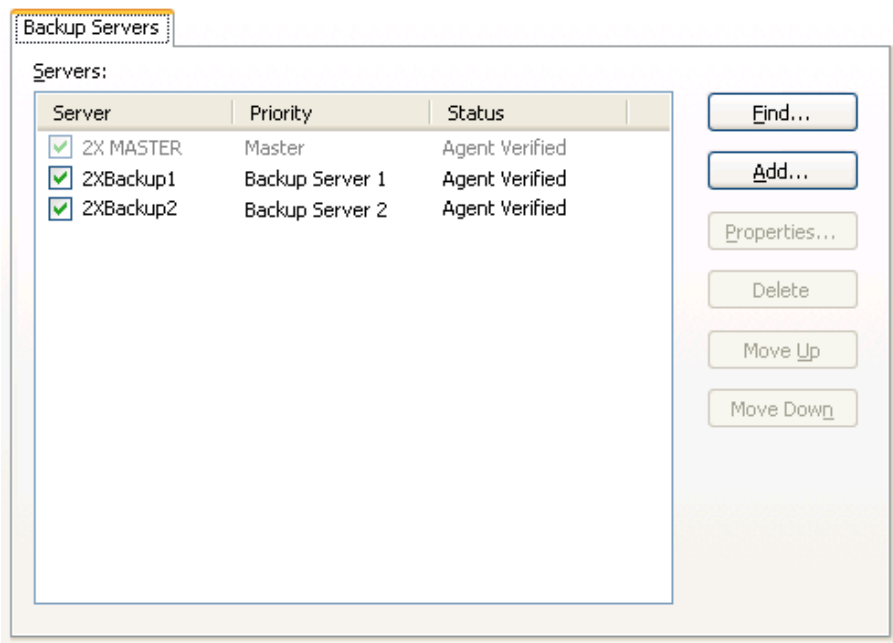


Figure 136 - Backup Servers

Adding 2X Backup Servers

1. To add '2X Backup Servers' click the '**Find...**' button. A new dialog will show the available servers in the local domain which can be used as Backup Servers.

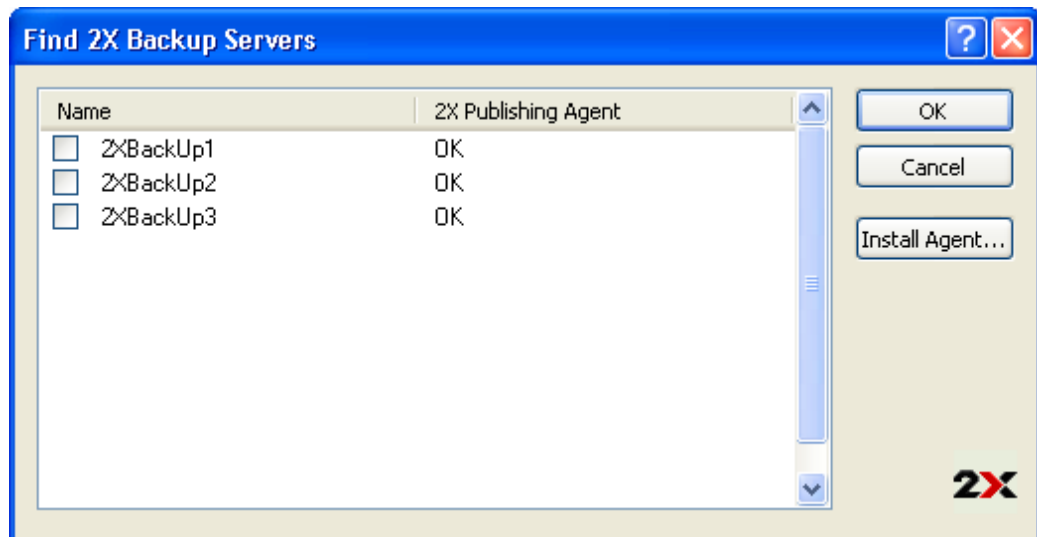


Figure 137 - Find 2X Backup Servers

- When the state of selected server is 'Agent Not Found' it means that 2X Publishing Agent is not installed on the selected server. Therefore you would need to install this service by clicking the '**Install Agent...**' button.
- Enter administrative credentials to be able to install the 2X Publishing Agent on the selected server which will be used as a backup server.

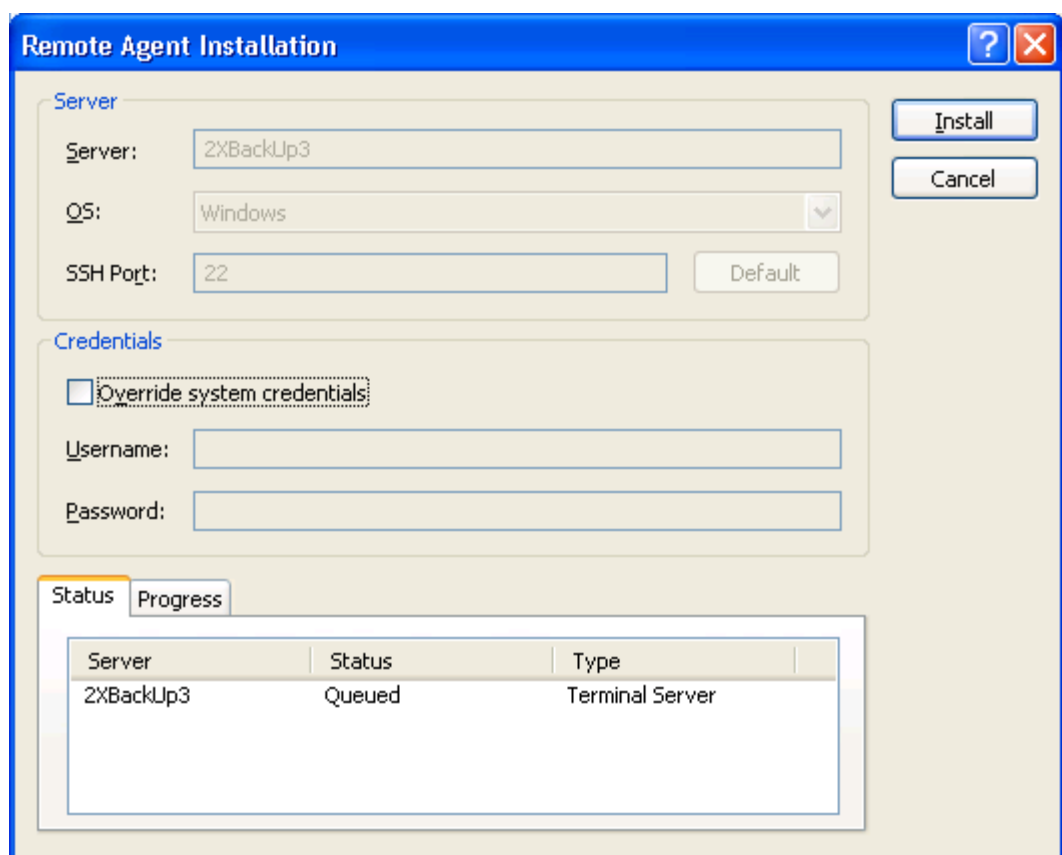


Figure 138 - Installing 2X Backup Server

4. Click '**Install**' after you've entered the administrative credentials. You should note that service is installed successfully if the installation is done completely.
5. Click '**Done**' when finished.

When 2X Publishing Agent is already in use one can '**Take Over**' the server and use it as a backup server.

NOTE: If a 2X Publishing Agent is already in use it means that the particular server is already configured as a master server in another farm. Taking over this server would override any settings currently configured on the particular machine.

One can also use the '**Add...**' button to manually add 2X Backup Server as shown in the figure below. After you've entered the name or the IP of the server to be used as a backup server click '**Next**'.

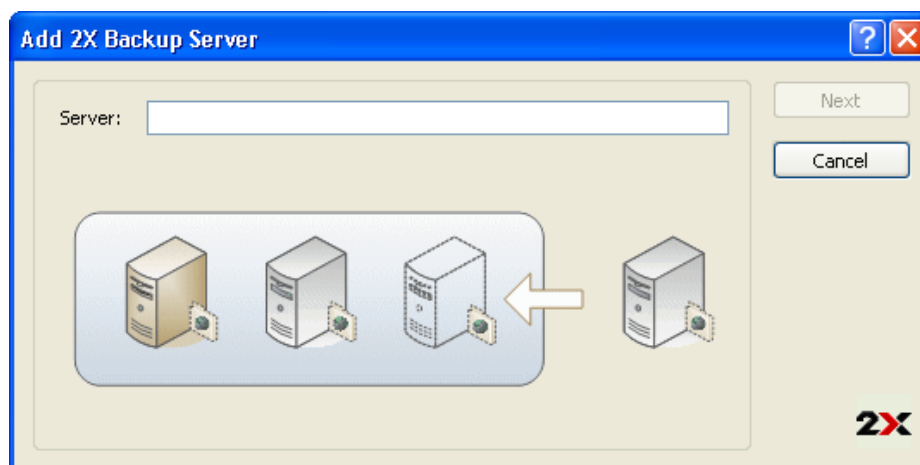


Figure 139 - Add 2X Backup Server

A status information message will give you guide what to do next. Usually you'll have to install the 2X Backup Server by clicking the '**Install...**' button. Then proceed with steps 3 – 5 done in the previous section. If an old version of 2X backup server is already installed one would have to update the server by clicking the '**Update**' button.

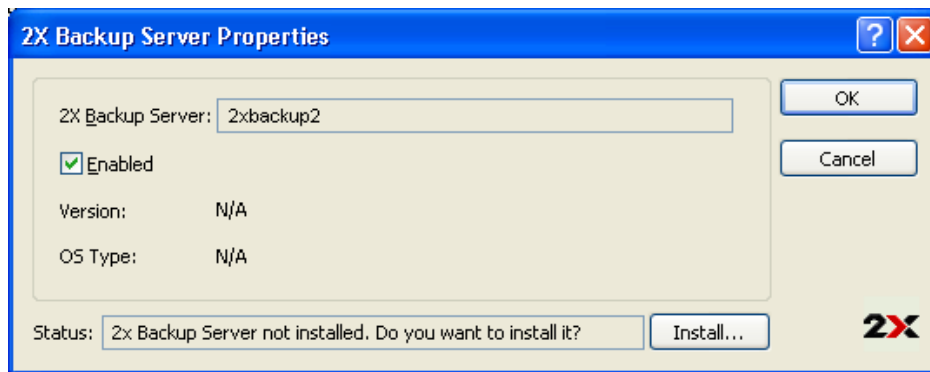


Figure 140 - 2X Backup Server Properties

NOTE: The 'Install...' button change according to the status of the selected server. In fact it will change to 'Update...' if an old version of the 2X Backup Server is found, while it will change to 'Take Over' if the selected server is already configured with a 2x Publishing Agent configured as a master server.

Modifying 2X Backup Servers

To change the properties of each backup server, select the particular server and click '**Properties**'. One can enable or disable the selected backup server while one can also install, update or uninstall the backup server from the properties dialog.

To delete a particular backup server, select the required server from the Backup Servers list and click '**Delete**'.

Each backup server in the list is given a priority. By default the local 2X Publishing Agent is given the Master priority and this cannot be changed. One can change the priority of the backup server.

To assign a higher priority in the backup list select the required backup server from the list and click '**Move up**'.

To assign a lower priority in the backup list select the required backup server from the list and click '**Move Down**'.

The Backup Server with priority configured as 'Backup Server 1' will be the first backup server to take over in case the Master Server is not available. Additional backup servers will take over in case 'Backup Server 1' is also not available according to their priority.

Promoting a Backup server to a Master Server

When the primary server cannot be recovered due to various reasons such as hardware failure or OS startup failure one can easily promote a 2X Backup Server to a Master server.

First launch the 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console located in the backup server.

NOTE: When you add and install 2X Backup Servers, all the required files are automatically installed remotely on each backup server. Therefore to launch the 2X Console of a backup server, one can easily launch 2X Console located at “C:\Program Files\2X\VDS\2XConsole.exe”.

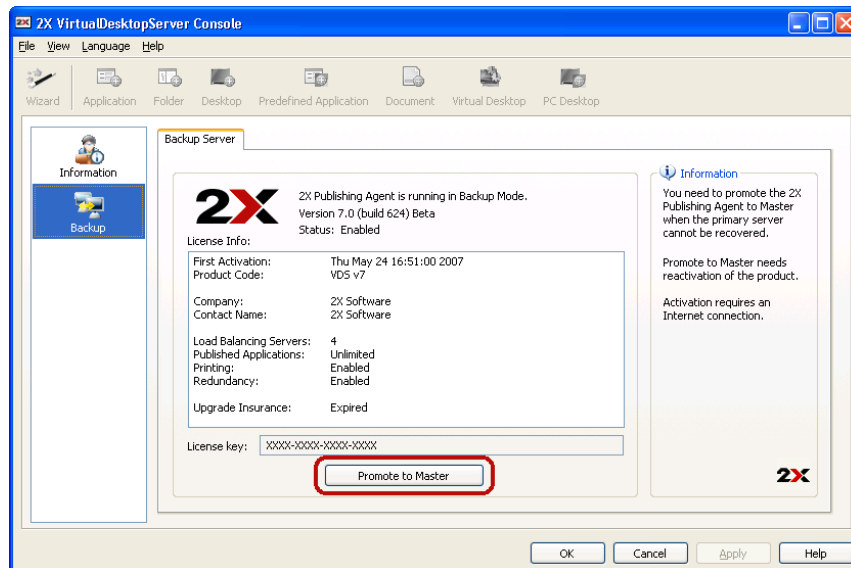


Figure 141 - Promote a 2X Backup Server to a Master

Secondly click ‘Promote to Master’ button to promote the current backup server as a Master Server. Promotion to a Master server needs reactivation of the products but this is done automatically and it requires an Internet connection.

Finally the 2X Terminal Server Agents will use this server (previously used as a 2X Backup server) as their Master server.

LOAD BALANCING



To configure 2X LoadBalancer click on '**Load Balancing**' in the Navigation bar in the 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console. This option is available in **Enterprise Edition** and **VDS Edition**.

Load Balancing

In this page you can choose the load balancing method to be used. The 2X LoadBalancer has two possible methods to load balance incoming connections.

Load Balancing Rules

Load Balancing

Method: Resource Based

Counters:

- ☒ User Sessions
- ☒ Memory
- ☒ CPU

☒ Reconnect to disconnected sessions

☐ Limit user to one session per desktop

To enable limit user to one session per desktop, make sure that the setting "Restrict each user to one session" is set on all Terminal Servers.

Advanced Settings

If you would like to change the default timeouts for the Terminal Server Agents, please click on the Advanced button.

Advanced...

Figure 142 - Configure load balancing properties

Round Robin Load Balancing: in this method, 2X LoadBalancer will identify the next available Terminal Server and forward the incoming connection accordingly, regardless of available resources on the server.

Resource Based Load Balancing: in this method, 2X LoadBalancer will retrieve the load information for all Terminal Servers in the farm and, based

on the counters chosen, will determine the terminal server that will handle the incoming connection. Three different counters are available:

Sessions: the connection is redirected to the server with the least number of sessions in use.

Memory Utilization: the connection is redirected to the server with the best free/used RAM ratio.

CPU Utilization: the connection is redirected to the server with the best free/used CPU time ratio.

If more than one counter is selected for load balancing, 2X LoadBalancer will add the counter ratios together, and redirect the session to the server with the most favorable combined ratio.

The recommended setting is to enable all three counters, unless there is a particular need for one of the other counters available.

NOTE: It will be necessary to install 2X Terminal Server Agent on all Terminal Servers and Citrix Servers and/or 2X VDI Agent on all Virtual Desktop Hosts before they can successfully participate in a load-balanced farm.

Enable the “Reconnect to disconnected sessions” option to allow 2X Publishing Agent to redirect an incoming user session to a previously disconnected session owned by the same user.

You may also choose to reconnect active sessions by selecting ‘Limit User to one session per desktop’. Therefore if a user connects to a Terminal Server and re-connects again while there is an active session started by the same user, he will be connected to his same active session.

NOTE: To limit users to one session per desktop, make sure that the setting ‘Restrict each user to one session’ is set on all Terminal Servers from the Terminal Services configurations\Connections.

Advanced Settings

From the Advanced Settings one can change the default timeouts for the Terminal Server Agents. Advanced settings should be configured using the default settings in normal scenarios.

Declare TS Agent dead.

This option is the amount of time that the 2X Publishing Agent should wait without a reply from each 2X Terminal Server Agent before declaring that particular Agent as dead.

TS Agent Refresh Time

This option is the amount of time that the 2X Publishing Agent should re-check the connection with each 2X Terminal Server Agent.

Enable CPU Load Balancer

The CPU Load Balancer has an important role in the 2X Terminal Server Agent as when enabled it can control those processes that are using the most CPU. This can be done as the 2X Terminal Server Agent is given a High base priority and when the Terminal Server CPU exceeds 95%, the process that is using most CPU is given a low priority. With this option enabled, when the CPU is over 95%, other sessions and other applications will continue to operate normally.

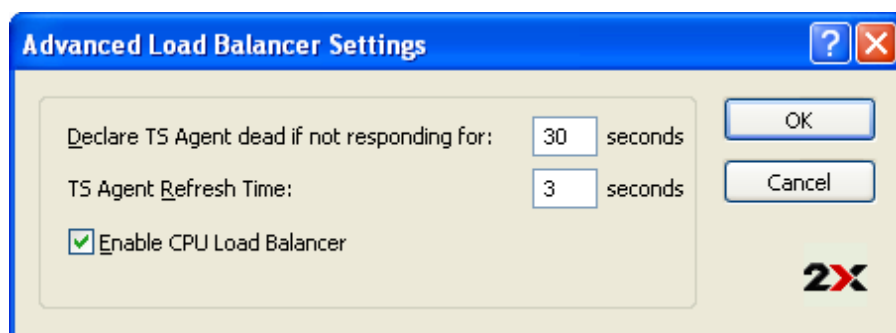


Figure 143 - Advanced Load Balancer Settings

Rules

In this page one can set specific filters so that native RDP & ICA connections can be redirected to specific terminal server(s). Load balancing rules are useful to assign a group of terminal servers or a specific terminal server with a specific 2X Client Gateway IP. Therefore connections initiated from that particular IP will be load balanced to correspondent group or particular terminal server.

NOTE: Load Balancing Rules are applicable only to non published desktop sessions.

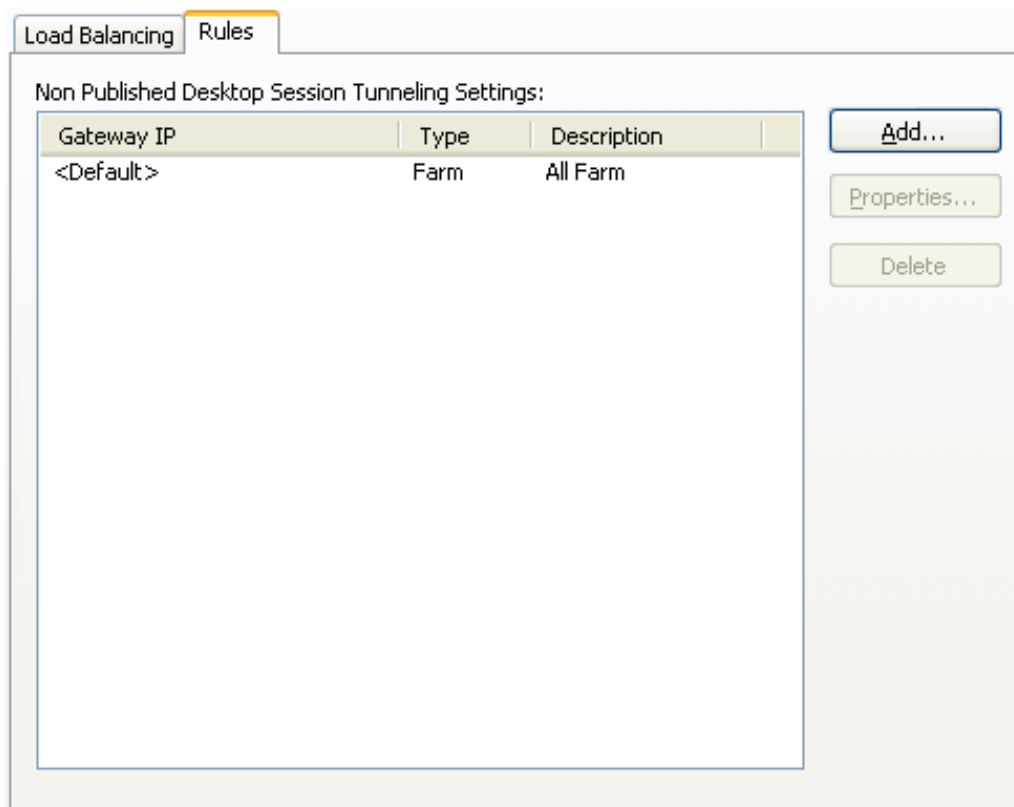


Figure 144 - Advanced Load Balancing

Default Rule

The **<Default>** rule is pre-configured as the last rule which will catch all non configured gateway IPs. By default this rule is configured to load balance the sessions between all servers in farm. However one can change the properties of this rule by selecting the default rule and click '**Properties...**'.

Add a new rule

To add a native RDP & ICA Load Balancing Rule, click the '**Add...**' button. This will open a new dialog as shown below. First select the interface for which you would like to create the rule. Secondly you have to select between 'All Servers in Farm', 'Server Groups', 'Individual Server' or 'None'.

Rules Properties

All Servers in Farm

All connections initiated through this interface will be load balanced between all servers in the farm. One should note that the default rule is already pre-configures to load balance native RDP & ICA sessions between all servers in farm.

Server Groups

All connections initiated through this interface will be load balanced with the selected group. One can select one or more groups to be associated with this interface as shown in the figure below. These Terminal Server Groups can be configured in the Terminal Server page.

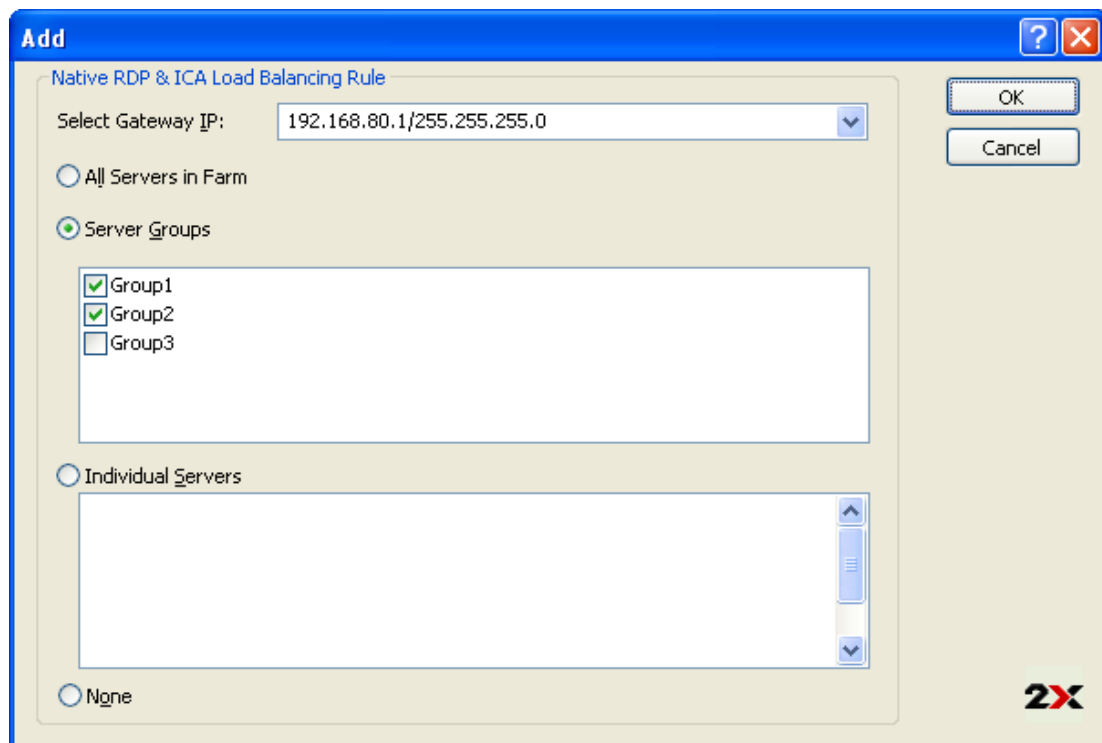


Figure 145 - Native RDP&ICA Load Balancing Rule – Load Balance between Server Groups

Individual Server

All connections initiated through this interface will be load balanced with the selected individual servers. Therefore one can select particular individual servers and connections initiated from the selected interface will be load balanced with the selected Terminal Server.

With this option one can also configure an IP to be associated with only one single server.

None

All connections initiated through this IP will be denied. This option is ideal in order to deny connections initiated from the configured gateway IP. For security reasons it is useful to allow connections from a certain interface.

With this option one can configure connections initiated from the specified gateway IP to not be forwarded (load balanced) to any terminal server.

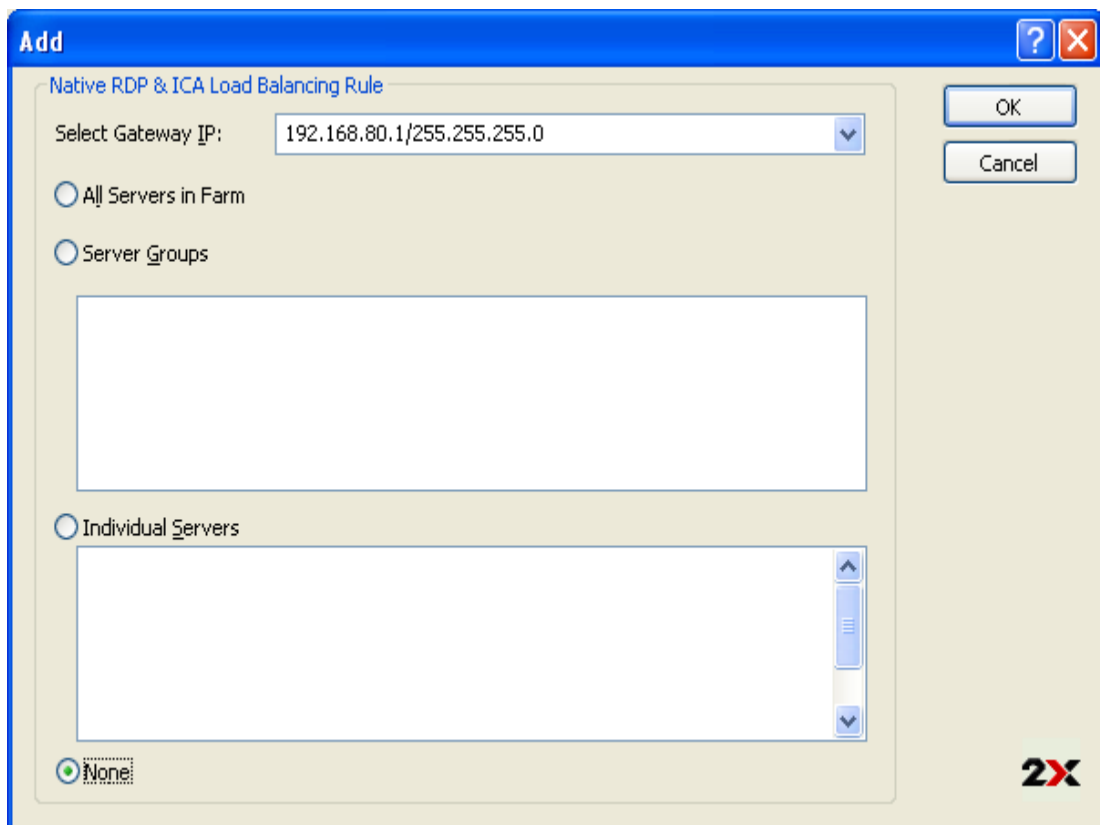


Figure 146 - Native RDP&ICA Load Balancing Rule - Disable a Client Gateway IP

After you've configured the rule with the particular gateway IP (interface), click '**OK**' to save the rule.

To re-configure a rule, select the particular rule and click '**Properties**'.

To delete a rule, select the particular rule and click '**Delete**'.

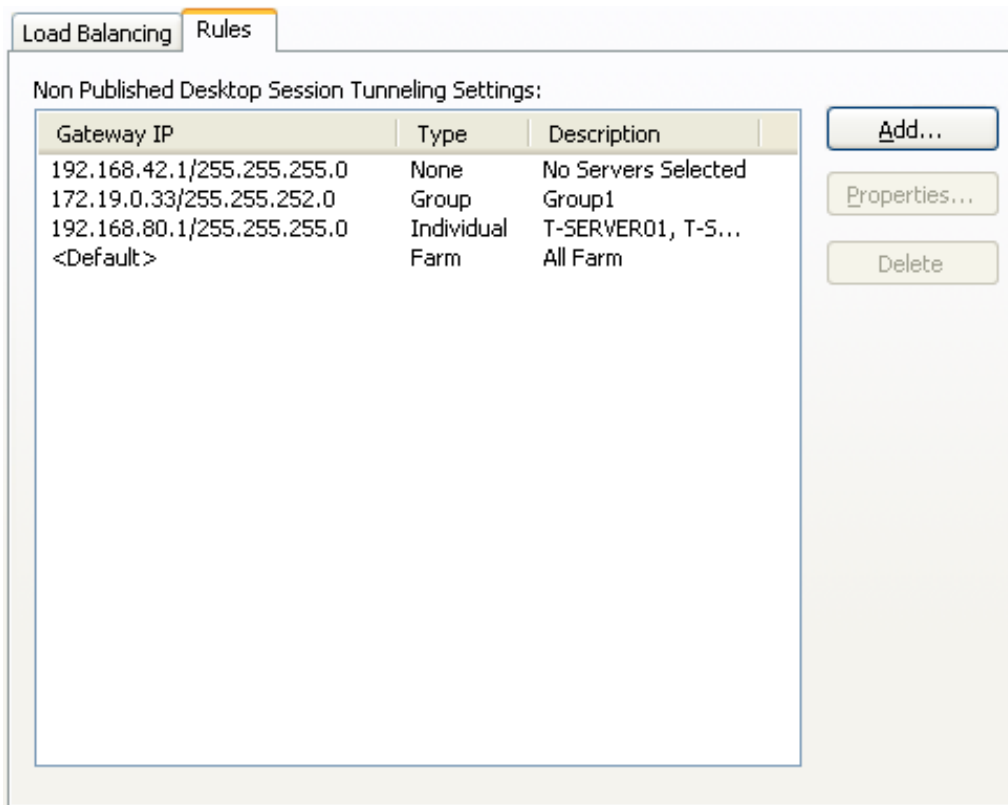


Figure 147 - Load Balancing Rules

NOTE: One can create only one rule for each gateway IP.

PUBLISHING



2X Publishing Wizard

To start publishing the applications, select 'Publishing' from the Navigation bar and click the '**Add...**' button from the Publishing tools.



Figure 148 - Publishing Tools

A new dialog 'Select Type' as shown in the figure below will ask you what you want to publish.

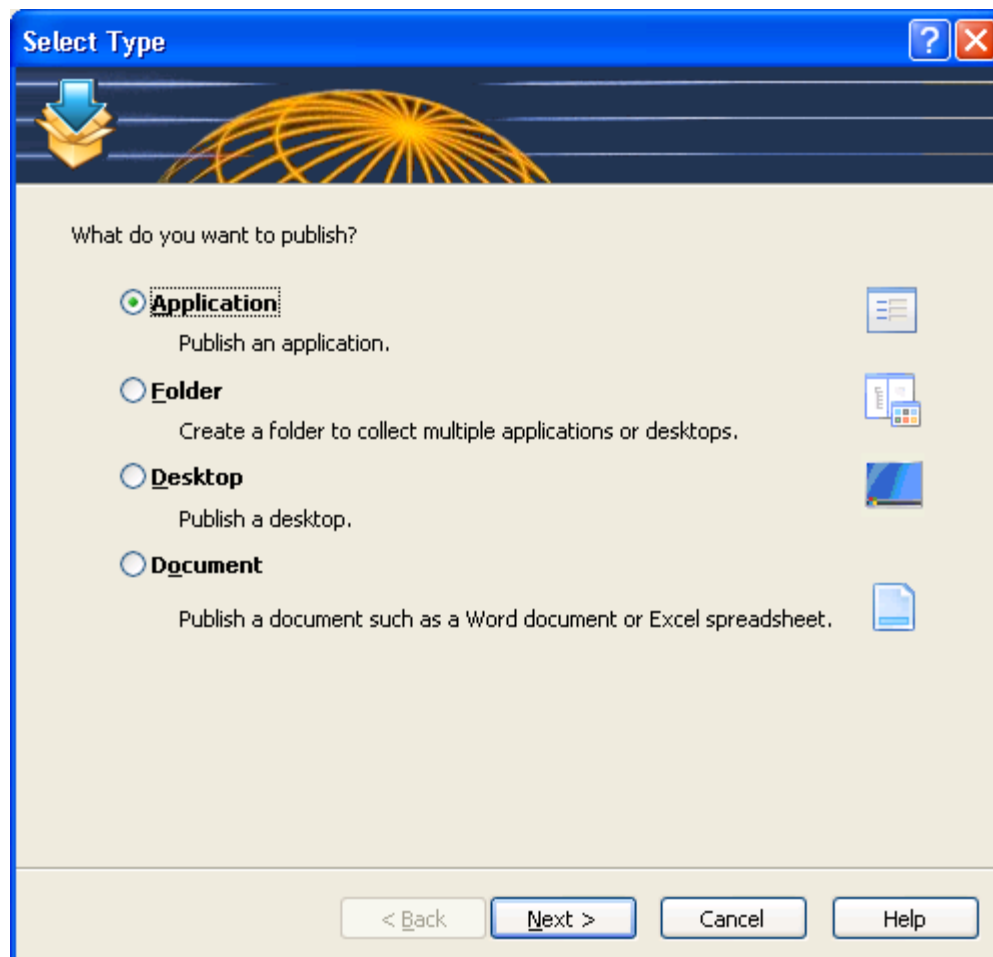


Figure 149 - 2X VirtualDesktopServer Publishing Wizard

Application

One of the most useful features available on 2X VirtualDesktopServer is the ability to publish individual (seamless) applications to your users. This means users will see only the applications you give them access to and not full terminal services desktop (when using terminal services only).

To publish an application, follow these steps:

1. Choose Application and click '**Next >**'
2. Select what type of application you want to publish
 - **Single Application** – Publish a single standalone application
 - **Installed Application** – Publish installed applications
 - **Predefined Application** – Publish commonly used applications such as Windows Explorer

Publish Single Application

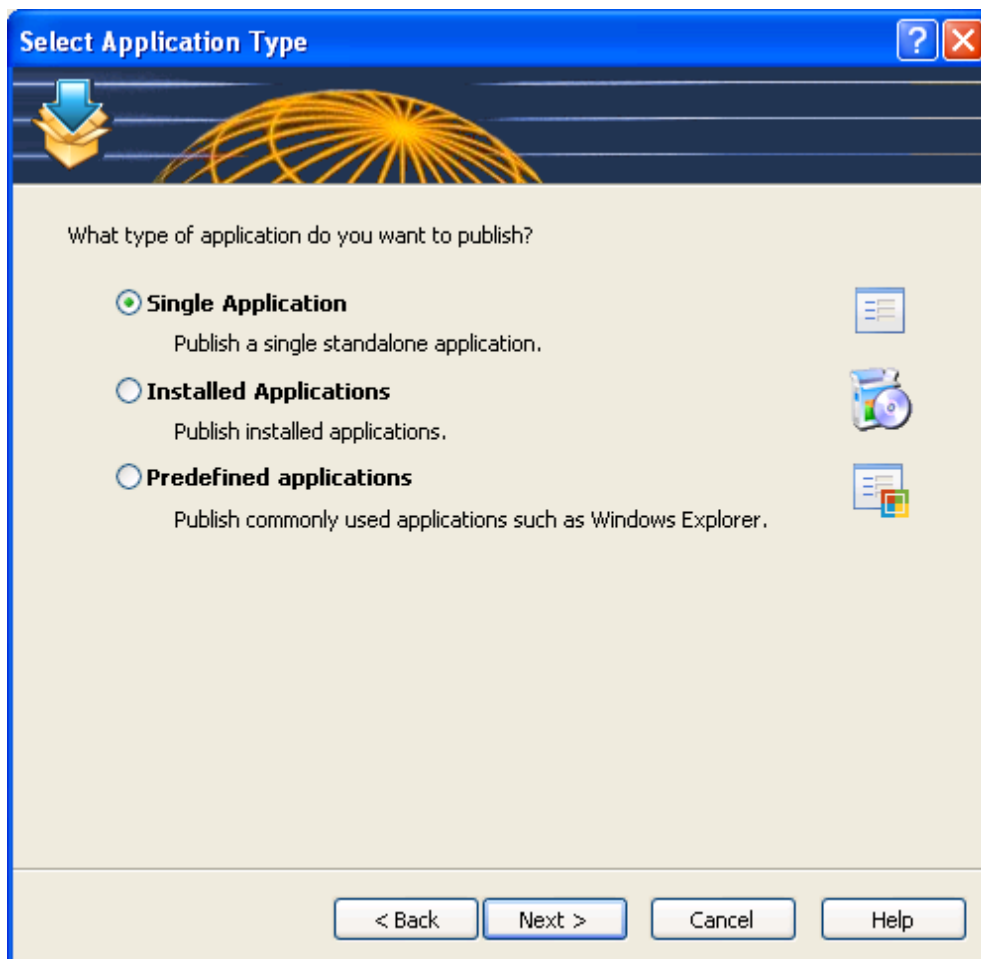


Figure 150 - Select Application Type

NOTE: If only one server is listed in the Terminal Server list, the wizard will skip step 1 (Publish From) and continue with the Application Settings (step 2).

1. In the 'Publish From' dialog as seen in the below figure you can choose from which Terminal Server/s you want to publish the application. You can choose to publish the application from 'All Server in Farm' *, from Server Groups or from Individual Terminal Servers. If you choose to publish the application from 'All Server in Farm' or from 'Server Groups' make sure that the application is available in all selected Terminal Servers.

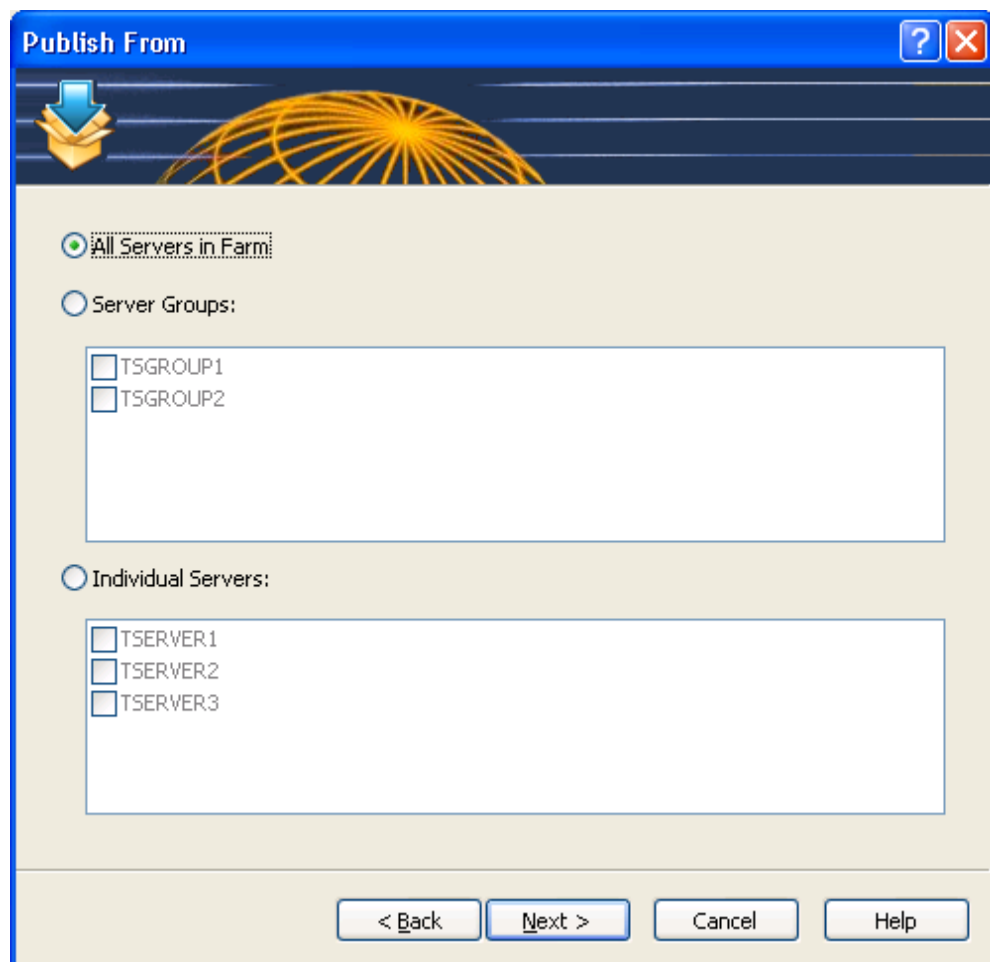


Figure 151 - Choose from which Terminal Server/s you want to publish the application

* 'All Servers in Farm' is the terminology used to indicate the whole list of Terminal Servers which can be configured from the Terminal Server tab in the Terminal Servers page.

2. In the Application Settings you have the ability to configure the 'Name', 'Description', 'Run' and 'Icon'. While 'Target', 'Start in' and 'Parameters' are configurable for each server.

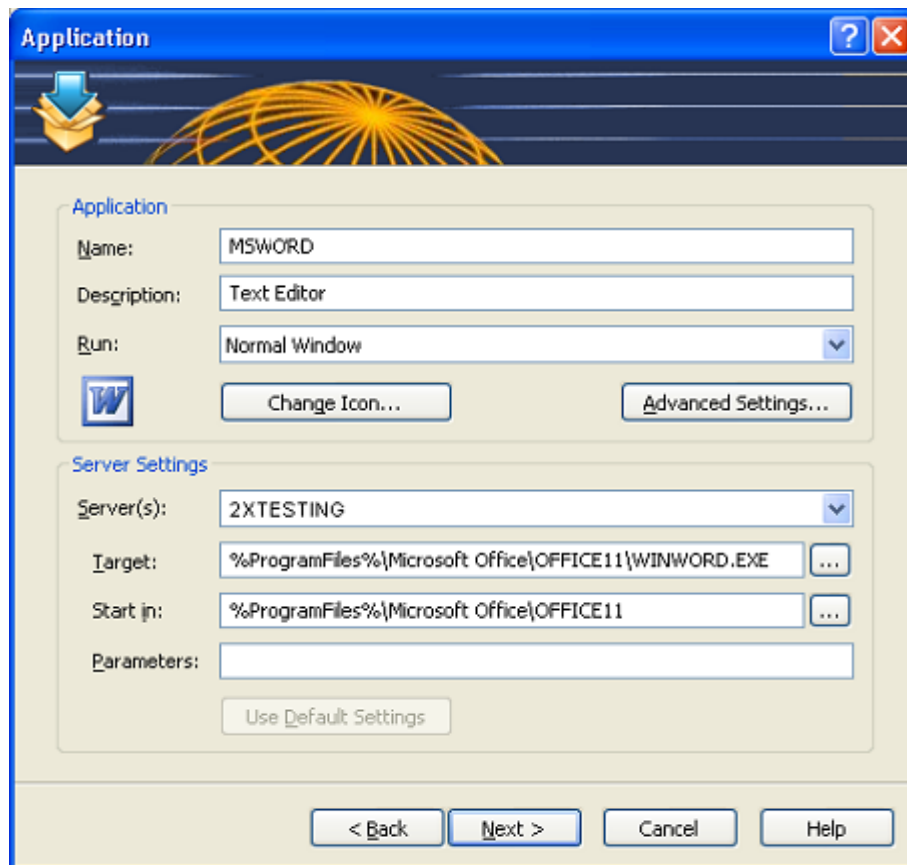


Figure 152 - Application Settings

Application Settings

First you may type the Name and Description related with application that you are going to publish, but Name and Description can be left blank and filled automatically when you choose the application from the target.

You also have the ability to specify the run mode when the published application is launched. The options are to launch the application in a normal window, in a full screen mode or minimized.

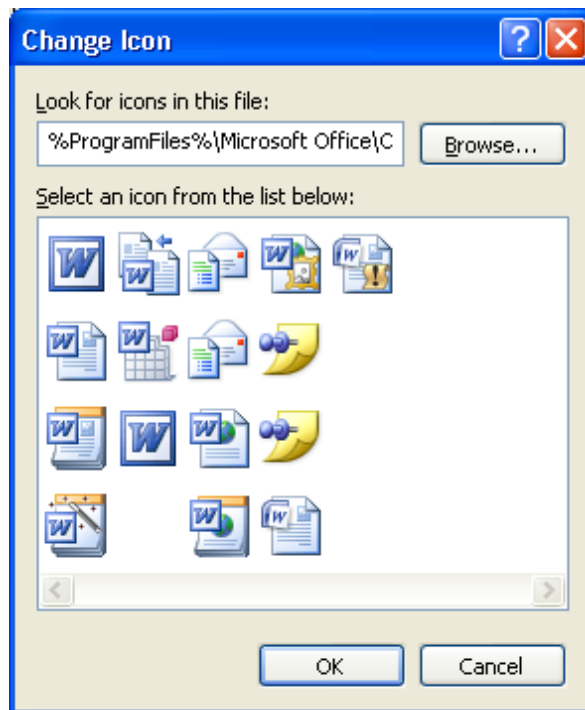


Figure 153 - Application Settings – Change Icon

From this dialog you may also change the icon for the published application. Click '**Change Icon...**' and select a new icon from the executable file itself or from other locations by clicking '**Browse...**' in the Change Icon dialog box.

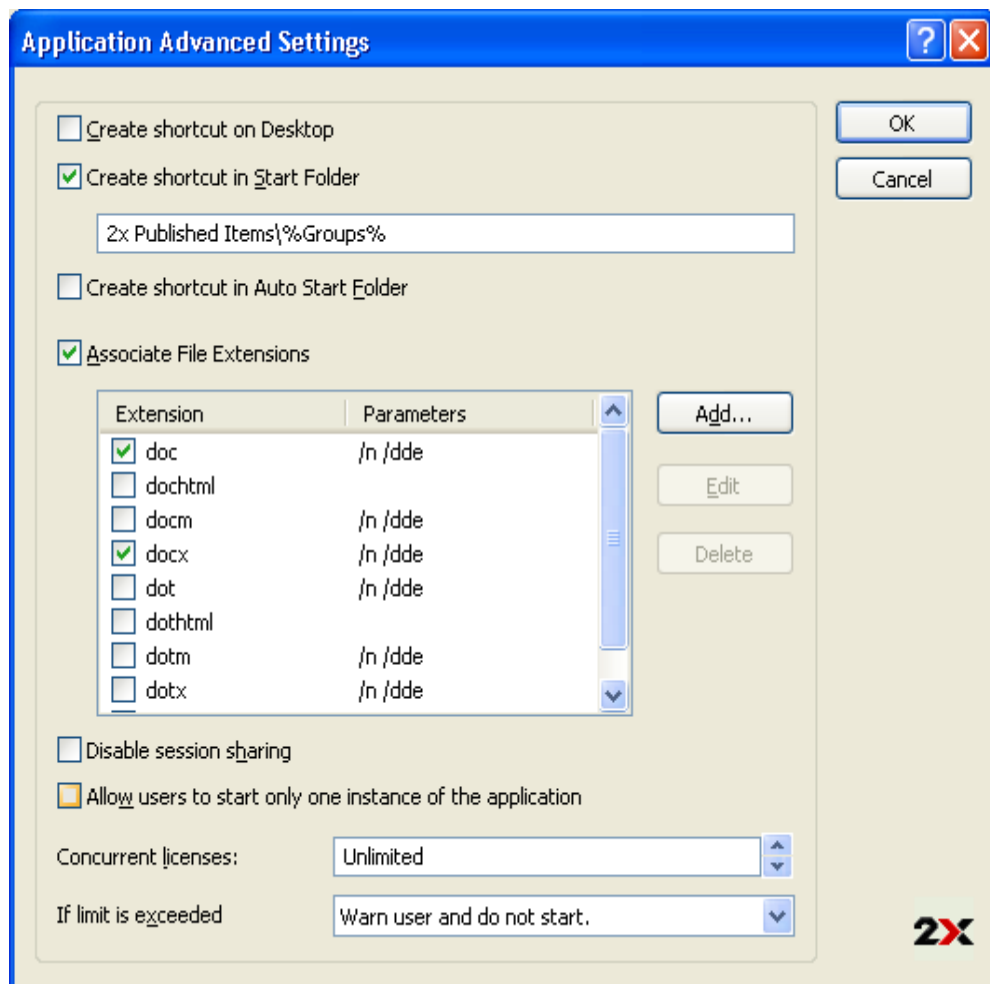


Figure 154 - Application Advanced Settings

To create shortcuts of this particular application on the desktop on the client side, enable '**Create shortcut on Desktop**' checkbox.

To create shortcuts of this particular application in the Start Menu Folder on the client side, enable '**Create shortcut in Start Folder**' checkbox.

One can specify to create the shortcut under certain folders by using '\' and the name of the folder.

E.g. To create the shortcut of 'MSWORD' in folder '2X Published Items\Office Apps' one should specify '**2X Published Items\Office Apps**'.

One can also use the keyword **%Groups%** to place the shortcut according to the published groups.

Associate file Extensions

In the Application Advanced Settings one can also associate file extensions on the client side with the particular published application.

One can select one or more extensions to be associated with this published application.

Add other File extensions

To add other non default file extensions, click the '**Add...**' button and enter the file extensions separated by a semicolon as shown in the figure below.

E.g. doc2; txt; wdoc

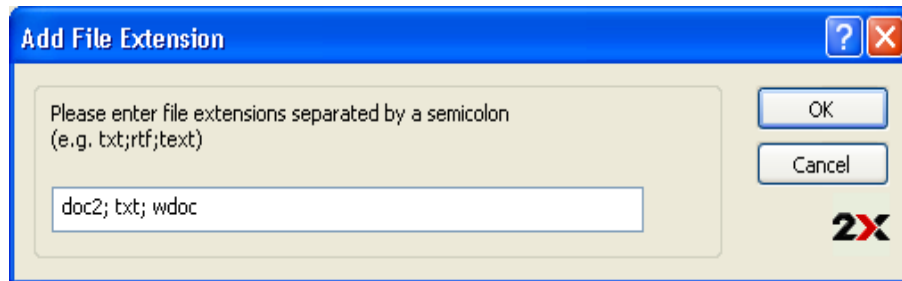


Figure 155 - Advanced Settings – Add File Extensions

Disable Session Sharing

You can isolate every published application to one (1) session. Every application that is published will have its own session on the server. If the same application is launched twice then it will be deployed in the same isolated session.

Single Instance only

To publish an application and enforce a single instance of that particular application please enable “**Allow users to start only one instance of the application**”.

Licensing

If you are trying to publish an application with a certain amount of licenses, you are able to choose the amount of licenses you want to publish, after that number has been exceeded, you can choose any of the following options:

- ▶ Warn user and do not start – this option will warn the user that the number of licenses has been exceeded and will not publish the application.
- ▶ Warn user and start – this option will warn the user that the number of licenses has been exceeded and will still publish the application.

- Notify administrator and start – this option will notify the administrator that the number of licenses has been exceeded and will still publish the application.
- Notify user, administrator and start – this option will notify both the user and the administrator that the number of licenses has been exceeded and will still publish the application.
- Notify user, administrator and do not start – this option will notify both the user and the administrator that the number of licenses has been exceeded and will not publish the application.

Server Settings

'Target' is the location of the executable or content file which resides on the Terminal Server. The target can include many types of items, such as a file, executable, word document, image, batch file, and other types of content.

'Start in' specifies the folder that contains the original item or some related files. Sometimes, programs need to use files from other locations. You might need to specify the folder where these fields are located so that the published application can find them.

'Parameters' specifies the parameters that you may pass to your published application.

In the Server Settings you have the ability to configure the above mentioned settings for each Terminal Server. It is common that an application could be installed in different locations on each Terminal Server. To configure each Terminal Server use the drop down list in the 'Server(s)' field.

When the selected server is not the local machine, you can browse for applications or content on the remote Terminal Server. This feature requires that the Terminal Server Agent is installed on the selected server. **Please note that this feature requires that TCP port 30004 is not blocked by any Firewall.**

Filtering

In case you want to publish the application to certain users/groups, clients or IP addresses/ranges you must configure the Filtering tab and select the filtering type that you want by using the 'Select Filtering Type' drop down list as shown in the figure below.

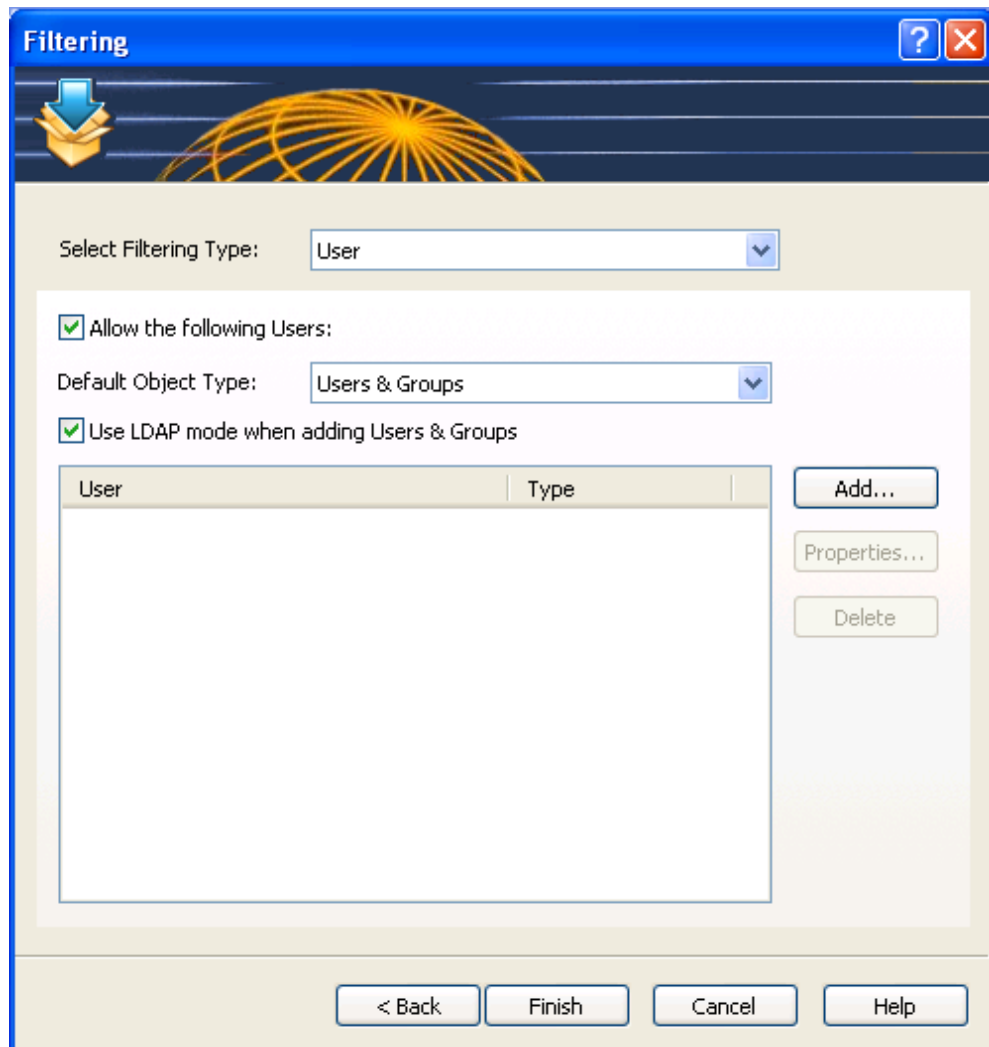


Figure 156 - Select Filtering Type

► **User**

First check the 'Allow the following Users:' checkbox and add the usernames/groups in the dialog 'Select Users or Groups' as shown in the figure below.

► **LDAP**

Check "Use LDAP mode when adding Users & Groups" to add users and groups in LDAP format instead of WinNT format. Administrators can use LDAP format to filter users found in groups within groups.

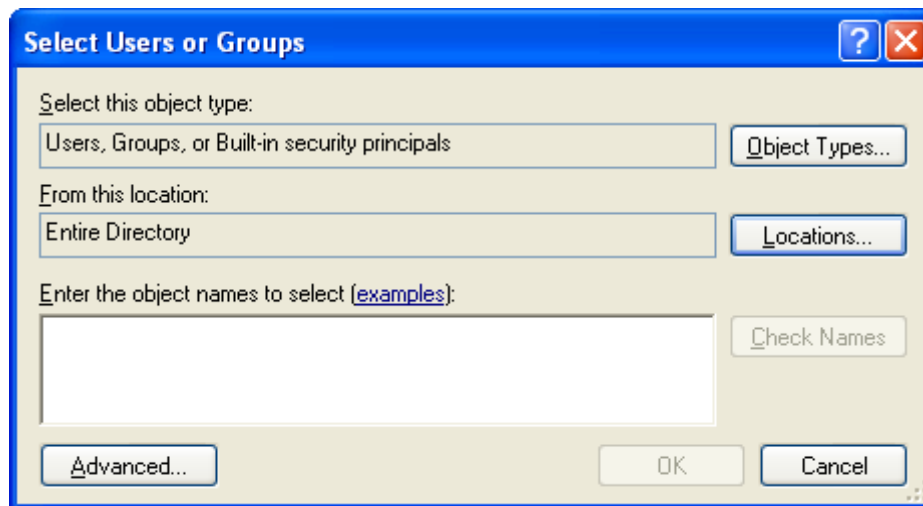


Figure 157 - User or Group Filtering

► Client

First check the 'Allow the following Clients:' and then select or type the Client (computer) name in the dialog 'Select Client' as shown in the figure below.

For Client names you can use the * character as a wildcard. For example if all your computer names start with CLIENT- simply type CLIENT-*.

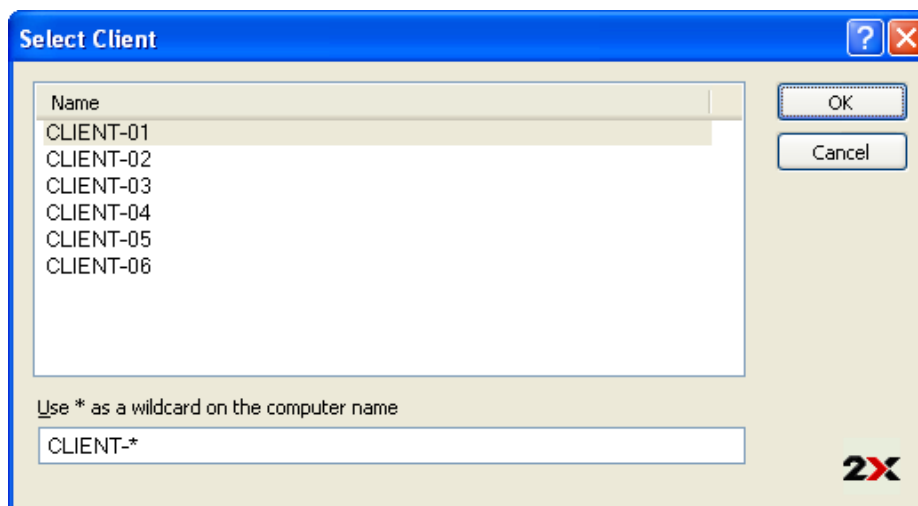


Figure 158 - Client Filtering

► IP Address

First check the 'Allow the following IPs:', then click the 'Add...' button. You can select to filter a single IP or a range of IPs.

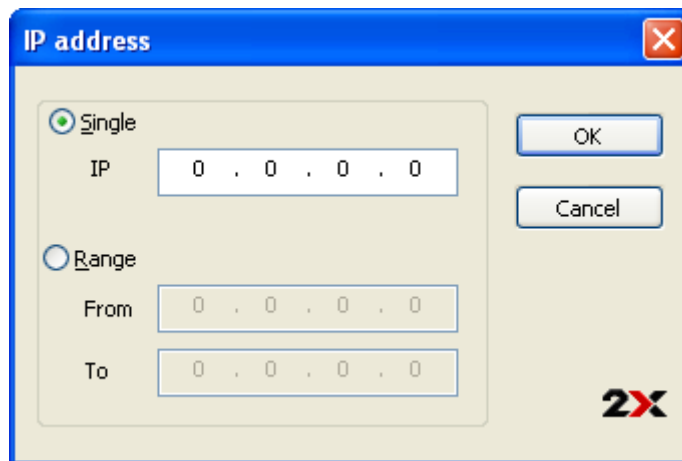


Figure 159 - IP Address Filtering

Click **'Finish'** to finalize the wizard, and the application you've just configured will be generated in the 'Published Applications Explorer' area. Now you can re-configure the options by using the tabs in the Published Applications Properties' area.

Publish Installed Applications

An application already installed on the server can be published and used by its clients. To publish installed applications with the wizard, click on 'Publishing' in the Navigation bar and click 'Add...'. From the 'Select Type' dialog choose 'Applications' and then choose 'Installed Applications' (Publish installed applications)

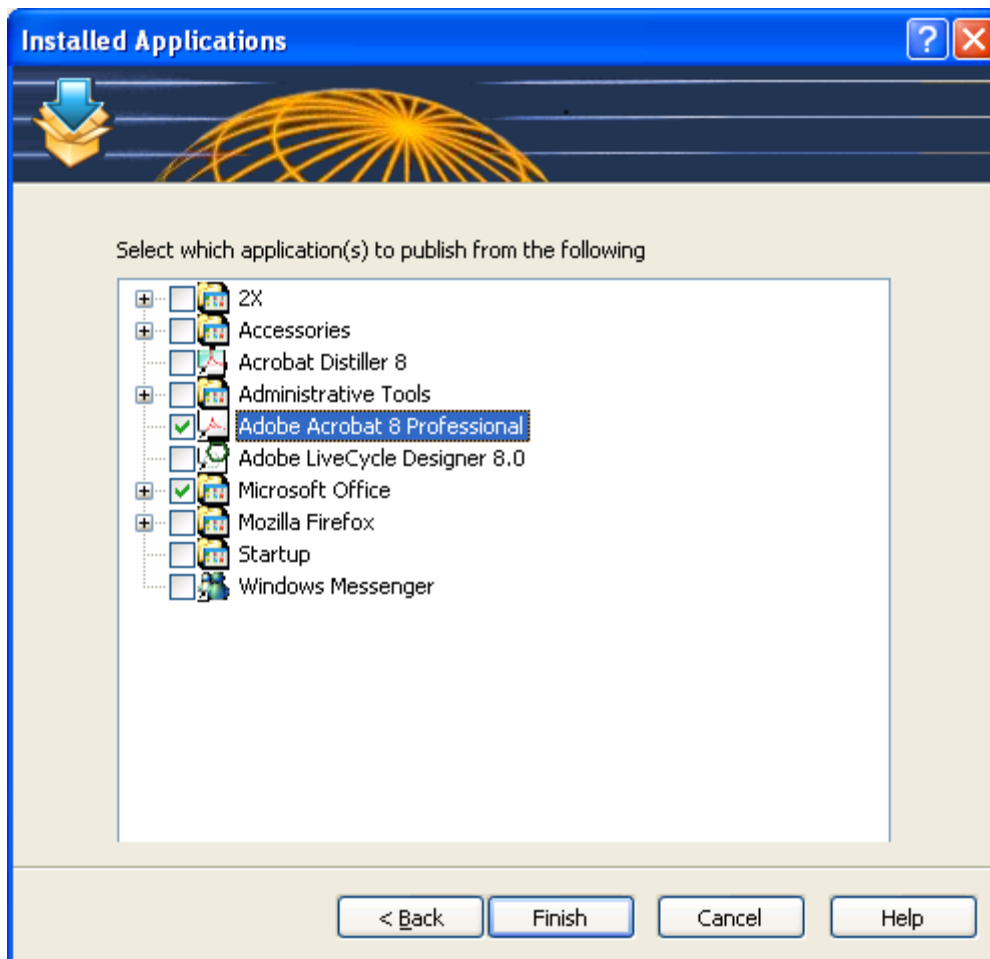


Figure 160 - Installed Applications

Select which applications you would like to publish from the list of available applications already installed on the server and just click finish when you have selected all the applications to publish.

Publish Predefined Applications

To publish a predefined application with the wizard, click on 'Publishing' in the Navigation bar and click 'Add...'. From the 'Select Type' dialog choose 'Applications' and then choose 'Predefined Applications' (Publish commonly used applications such as Windows Explorer).

Predefined Applications include applications which need some special parameters to be published over Terminal Services. Some special folders are a shell extension that usually resides off of the Control Panel. A globally unique ID (GUID) declares these shell extensions and represents the extension and points to the proper DLL to run it. In order to publish these types of applications or folders, one could use the Predefined applications pre-configured in the 2X Console which facilitates these tasks.

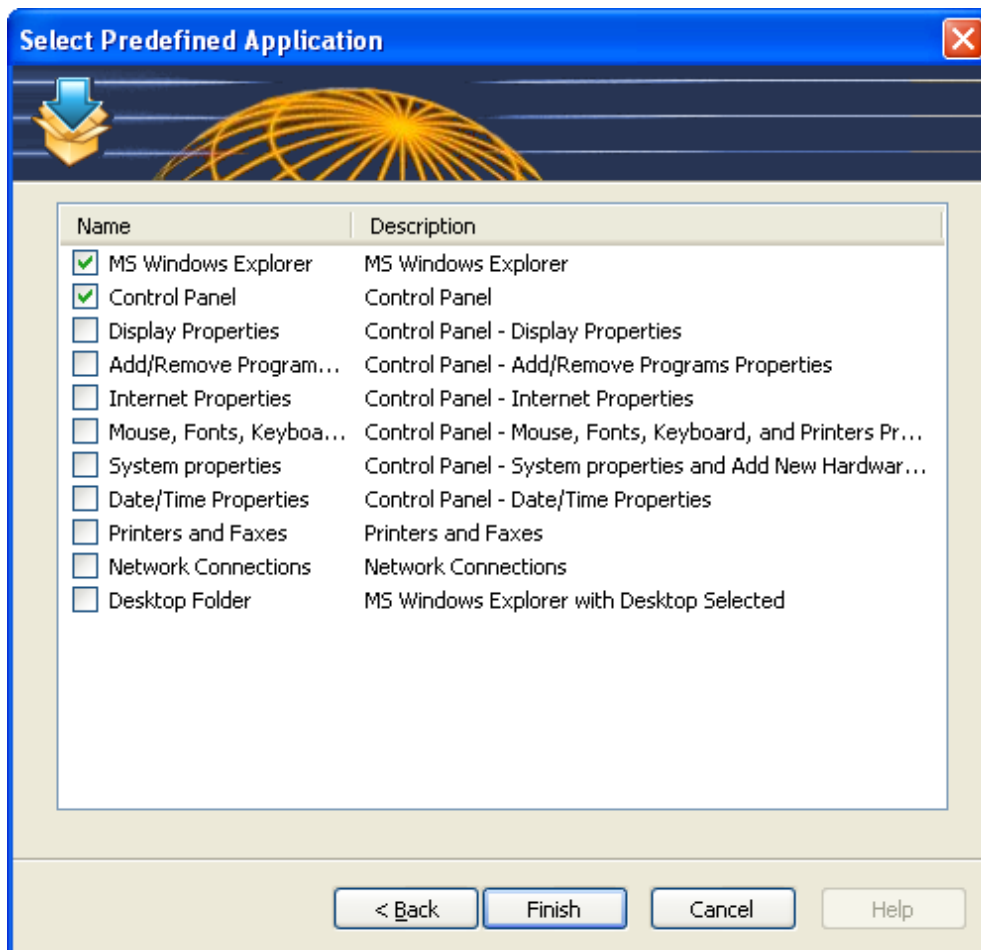


Figure 161 - Publish Predefined Applications

From the predefined applications one can publish with ease the Control Panel, certain Control Panel tools, the Printers and Faxes folder or even publish an explorer window.

Folder

To publish a Folder with the wizard, click on 'Publishing' in the Navigation bar and click 'Add...'. From the 'Select Type' dialog choose 'Folder'.

Folders are useful for organizing your published applications while facilitate the configuration of 'Filtering' options as you may configure the filtering options for an folder and the published applications in that group will have the same filtering settings by default.

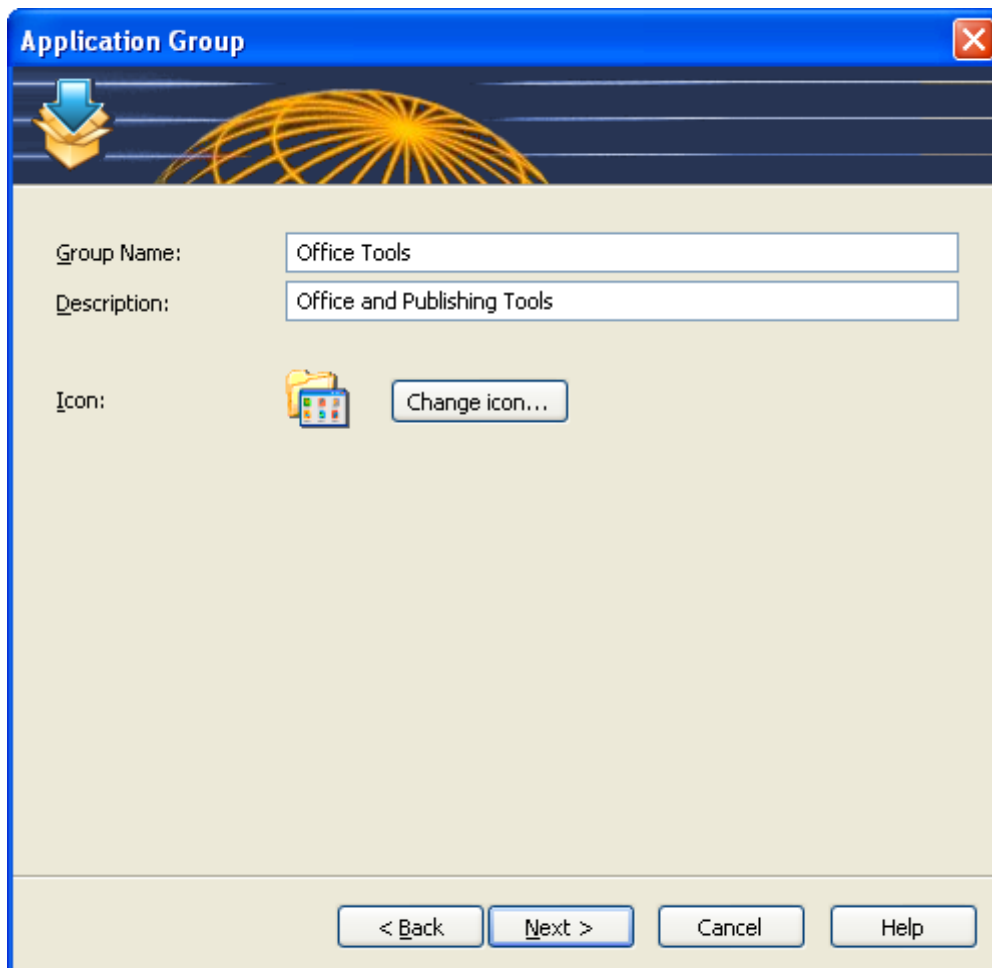


Figure 162 - Add Application Group

You can also enter the description and modify the icon for each application group as shown in the above figure. Application Groups in the 2X Console will be also displayed as application groups on the client side and web.

After you click 'Next', you can also choose to create certain filtering rules (User, Client, IP address) for the created folder. Published application or desktops listed under this folder will inherit the filtering rules of this folder.

Desktop

2X VirtualDesktopServer allows you to publish complete desktops to your user.

To publish a desktop, follow these steps:

1. Choose 'Desktop' and click '**Next >**'
2. Select what type of application you want to publish
 - **Terminal Server Desktop** – Publish a desktop session from a Terminal Server

- **Virtual Desktop** – Publish a desktop from a Virtual Desktop Host
- **PCs** – Publish a desktop from a Personal Computer

Publish a Terminal Server Desktop

Full Desktop acts like a terminal into an actual server where you can have a remote desktop connection.

To publish a Desktop with the wizard, click on 'Publishing' in the Navigation bar and click 'Add...'. From the 'Select Type' dialog choose 'Terminal Server Desktop'.

Click 'Next' and select which Terminal Server to choose from where you want to publish the desktop. You may choose to publish a desktop from 'All server in Farm' or from Server Groups. In this case the published desktop will be selected according to the best resources among the selected Terminal Servers. You may also choose to publish an individual desktop by selecting 'Individual Servers' and select the preferred server.

Figure 163 - Publish Desktop

Desktop

In this dialog you can type the Desktop Name and a Description for the published desktop. From this dialog you may also change the icon for the published desktop.

Windows 2003 Terminal Services gives the ability to connect to the console (session 0) which is the desktop of the actual server, rather than a terminal server session. With this functionality, you can log to a Windows Server 2003-based server that is running Terminal Services remotely and interact with session 0 as if you were sitting at the physical console of the computer.

One may select to enable this option by enabling 'Connect to console'. This options works on MS Windows 2003 Terminal Server only.

One can also click '**Advanced Settings...**' to create shortcuts on client's desktop or start folder of the particular published desktop.

Desktop Size

Choose, from the drop down list, the resolution you would like to use. Choose 'Custom' to be able to enter your own resolution.

Publish Virtual Desktops

To publish a virtual desktop with the wizard, click on 'Publishing' in the Navigation bar and click 'Add...'. From the 'Select Type' dialog choose 'Desktop'. From the 'Select Desktop Type' dialog choose 'Virtual Desktop' and click 'Next >..

NOTE: If only one server is listed in the Virtual Desktops Hosts list, the wizard will skip the 'Publish From' dialog and continue with the 'Application Settings' dialog.

In the 'Publish From' dialog as seen in the below figure you can choose from which Virtual Desktop Host/s you want to publish the virtual desktop. You can choose to publish the virtual desktop from 'All Server in Farm' *, from Server Groups or from Individual Hosts.

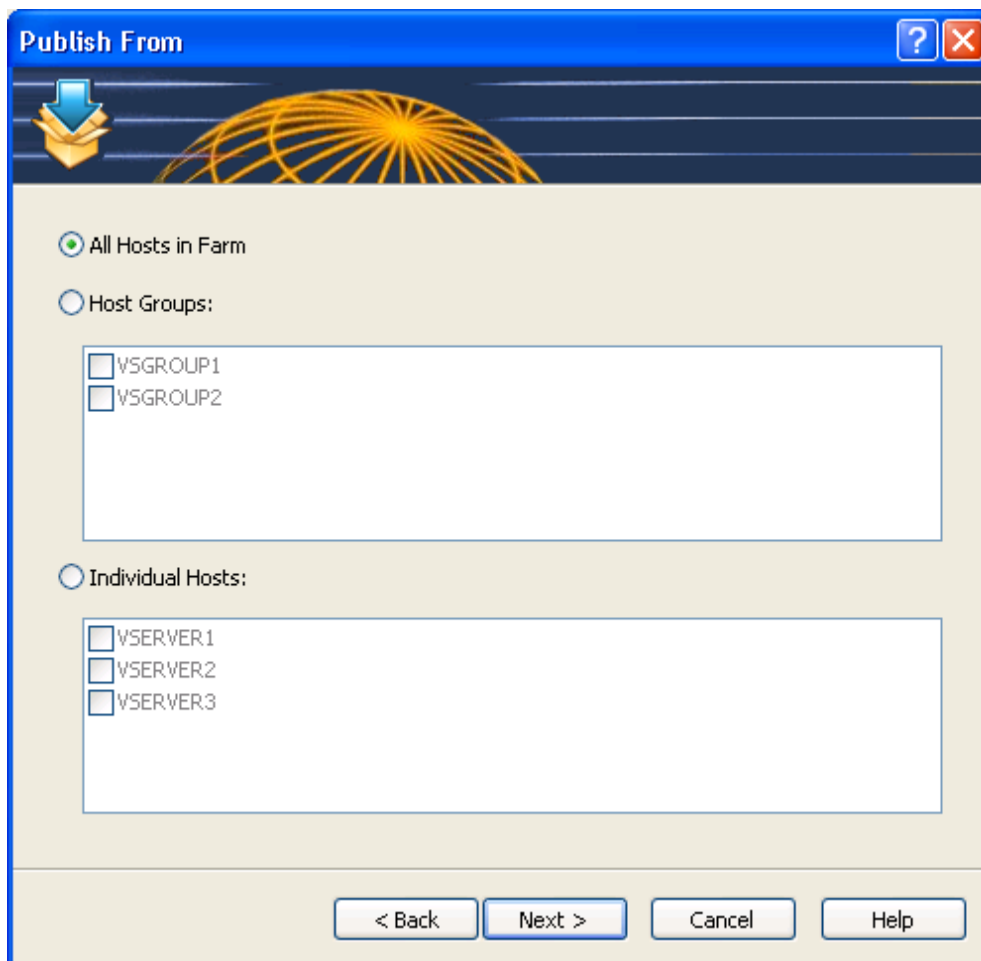


Figure 164 - Choose from which Virtual Hosts you want to publish the application

* 'All Servers in Farm' is the terminology used to indicate the whole list of Virtual Desktop Hosts which can be configured from the Virtual Desktop Hosts tab in the VDI Hosts page.

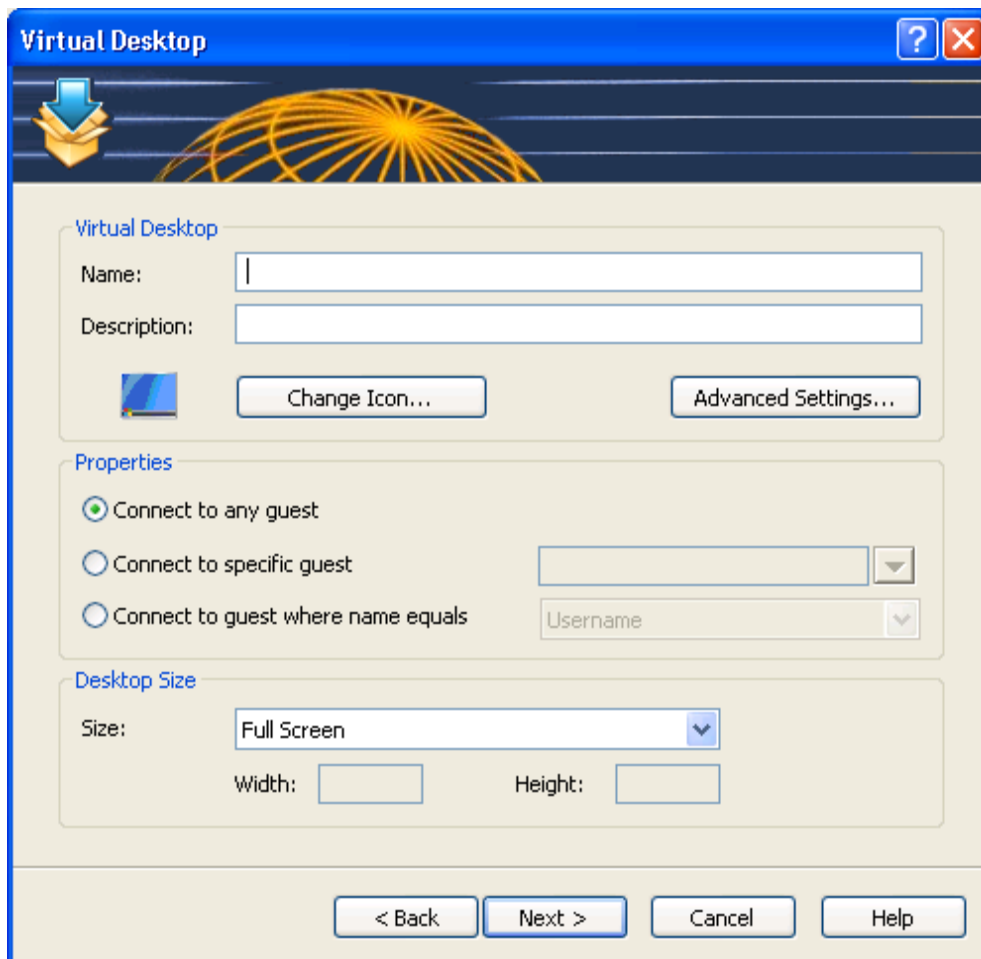


Figure 165 - Virtual Desktop Settings

Virtual Desktop

In this dialog you can type the Desktop Name and a Description for the published desktop. From this dialog you may also change the icon for the published desktop.

You can also click '**Advanced Settings...**' to create shortcuts on client's desktop or start folder of the particular published desktop.

Properties

There are 3 different properties which can be used by the Virtual Desktop. 'Connect to any guest' will load any virtual desktop published to any user that logs in. 'Connect to specific guest' will load the virtual desktop selected to every user. 'Connect to a guest where name equals' will loads the virtual desktop to users who's user name is the same as that of the virtual desktop or to users which are using a machine that has an IP address equal to the virtual desktop's name.

Desktop Size

Choose, from the drop down list, the resolution you would like to use. Choose 'Custom' to be able to enter your own resolution.

Publish Personal Computer Desktop

To publish a PC with the wizard, click on 'Publishing' in the Navigation bar and click 'Add...'. From the 'Select Type' dialog choose 'Desktop'. From the 'Select Desktop Type' dialog choose 'Personal Computer Desktop' and click 'Next >'.

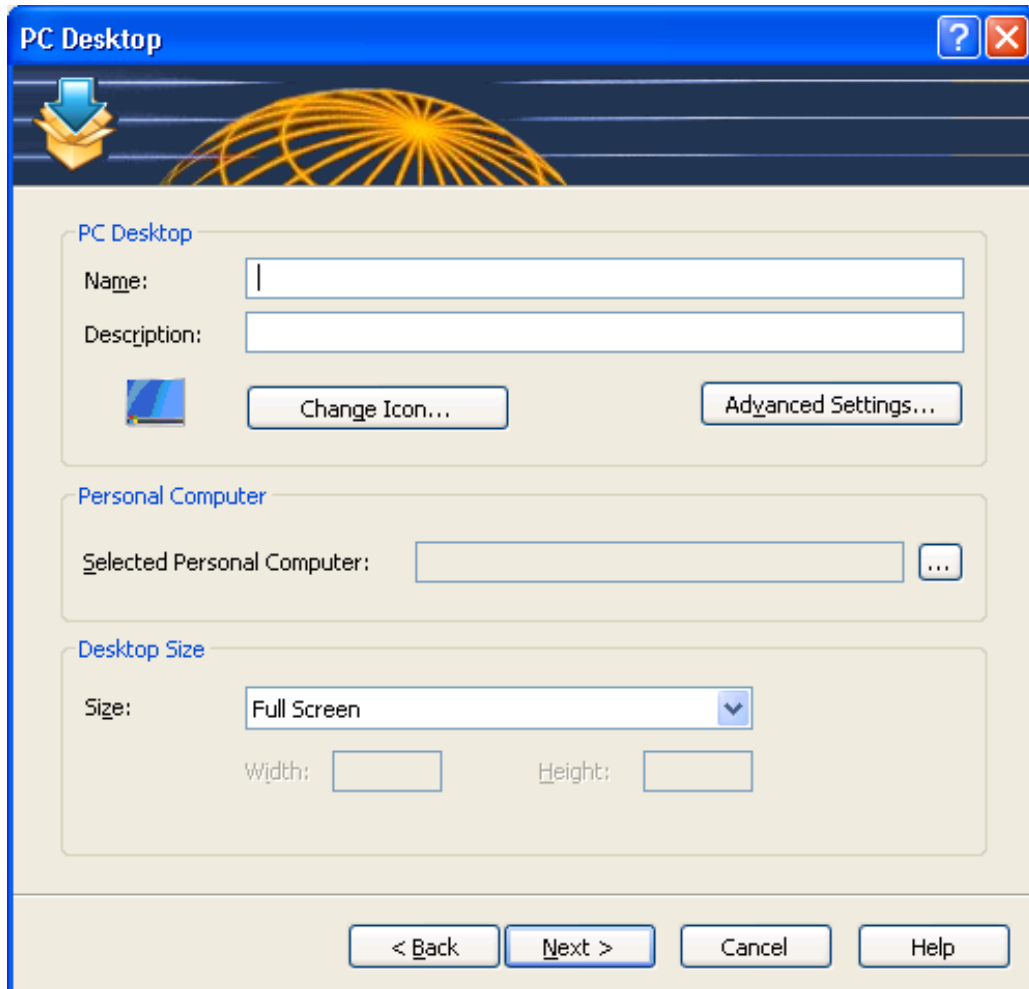


Figure 166 - Virtual Desktop Settings

PC Desktop

In this dialog you can type the Desktop Name and a Description for the published desktop. From this dialog you may also change the icon for the published desktop.

You can also click '**Advanced Settings...**' to create shortcuts on client's desktop or start folder of the particular published desktop.

Personal Computer

Select from the list the Personal Computer that you would like to publish. For the Personal Computer to be available, it must first be added to the Farm.

Desktop Size

Choose, from the drop down list, the resolution you would like to use. Choose 'Custom' to be able to enter your own resolution.

Filtering

In case you want to publish the application to certain users/groups, clients or IP addresses/ranges you must configure the Filtering tab and select the filtering type that you want by using the 'Select Filtering Type' drop down list as shown in the figure below.

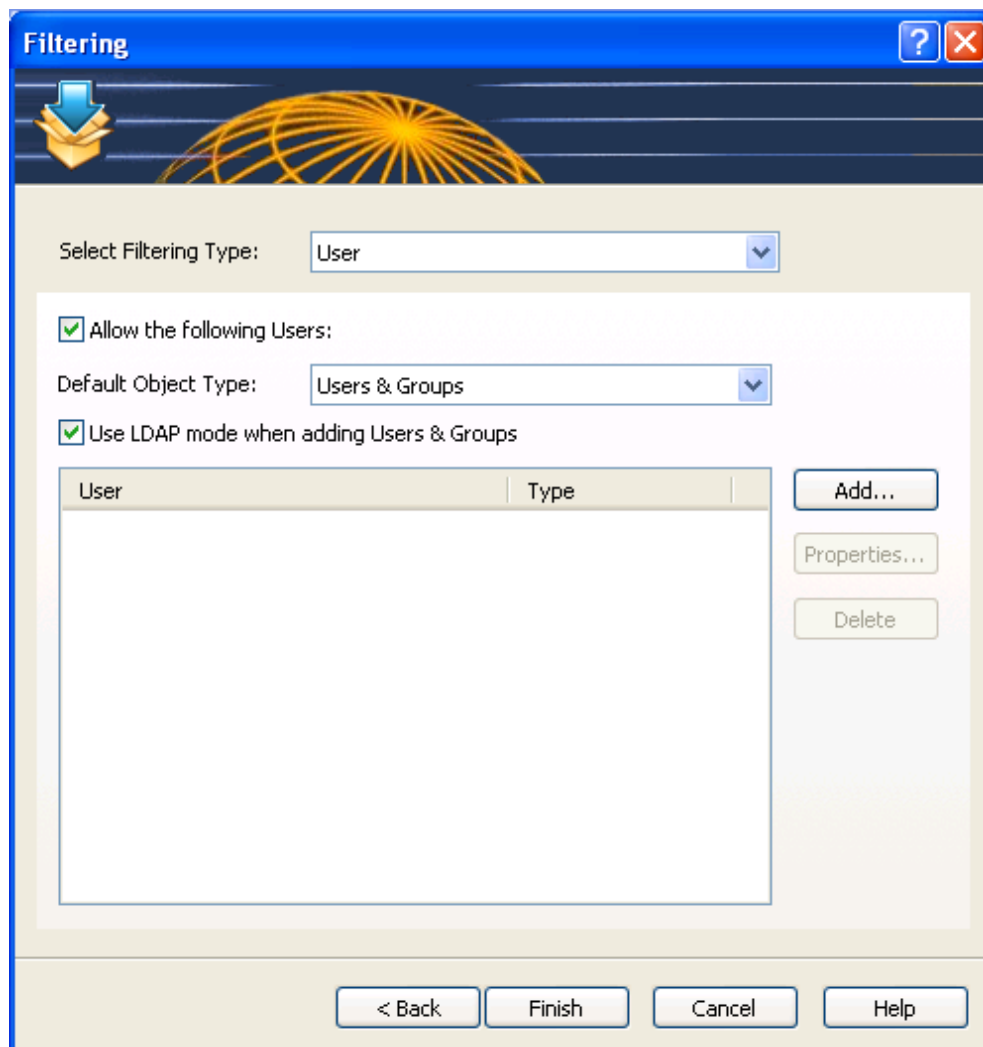


Figure 167 - Select Filtering Type

► **User**

First check the 'Allow the following Users:' checkbox and add the usernames/groups in the dialog 'Select Users or Groups' as shown in the figure below.

► **LDAP**

Check "Use LDAP mode when adding Users & Groups" to add users and groups in LDAP format instead of WinNT format. Administrators can use LDAP format to filter users found in groups within groups.

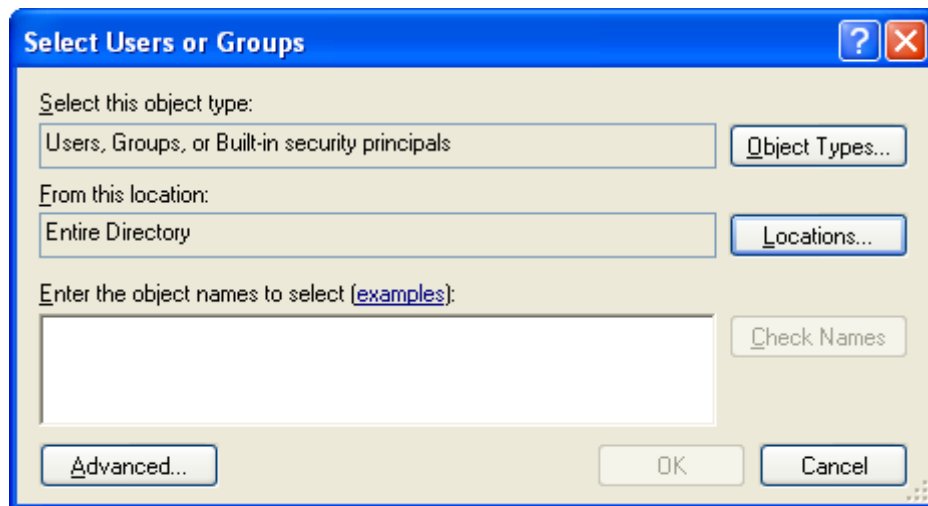


Figure 168 - User or Group Filtering

► **Client**

First check the 'Allow the following Clients:' and then select or type the Client (computer) name in the dialog 'Select Client' as shown in the figure below.

For Client names you can use the * character as a wildcard. For example if all your computer names start with CLIENT- simply type CLIENT-*

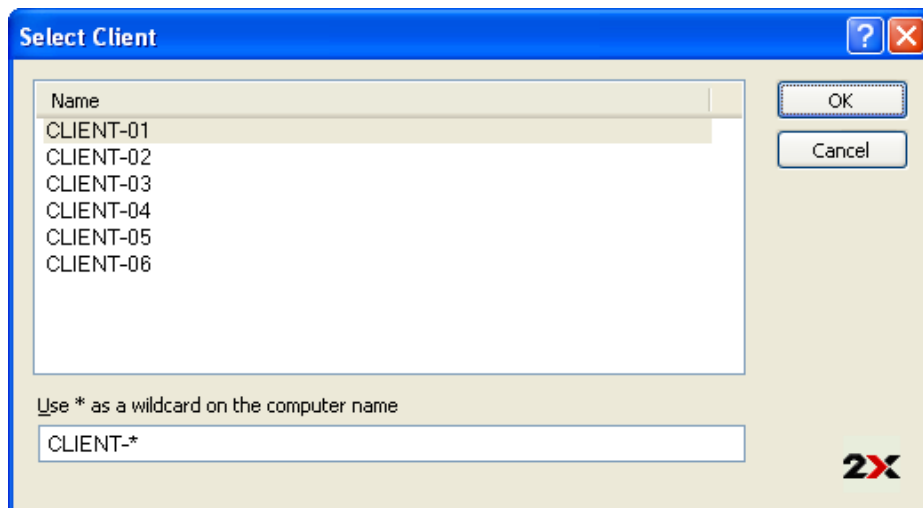


Figure 169 - Client Filtering

► IP Address

First check the 'Allow the following IPs:', then click the 'Add...' button. You can select to filter a single IP or a range of IPs.

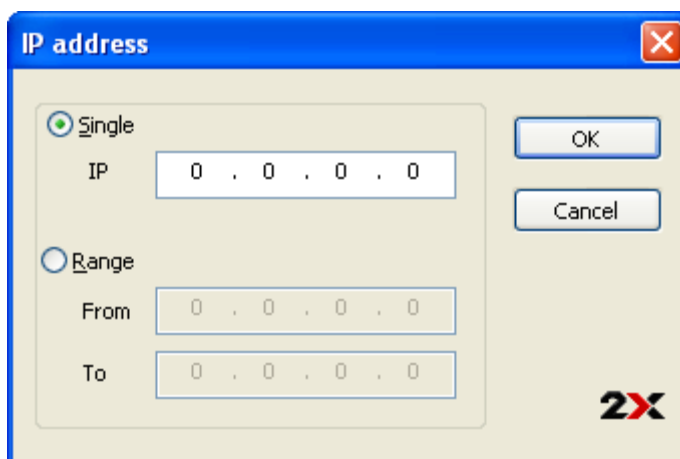


Figure 170 - IP Address Filtering

Click '**Finish**' to finalize the wizard, and the application you've just configured will be generated in the 'Published Applications Explorer' area. Now you can re-configure the options by using the tabs in the Published Applications Properties' area.

Publish Document Content

To publish document content such as Word document and Excel spreadsheet, you can choose to publish the particular content file directly. First select the content type to browse for by selecting the filters you want to

browse for. You may also add custom content types if they're not listed in the Filters list by listing the custom file extensions separated by semicolon.

E.g *.text; *.texts; *.pub

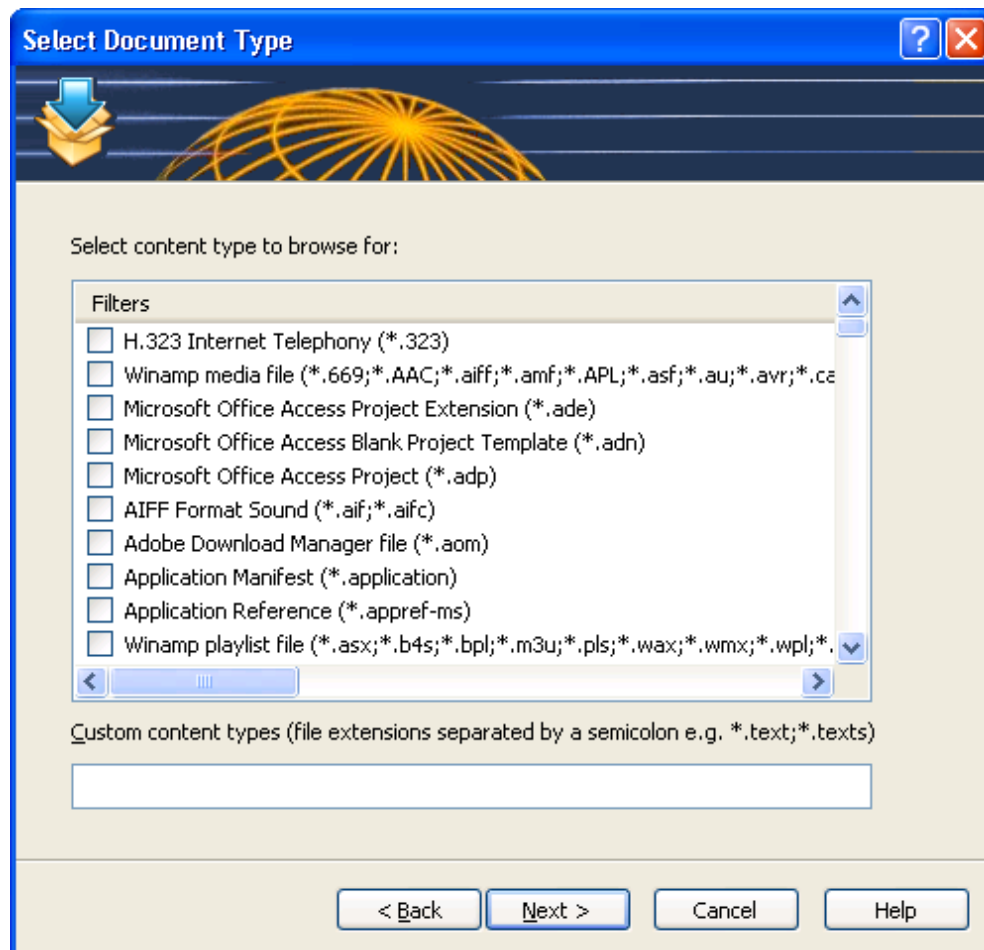


Figure 171 - Publish Document Content

Publish Applications using Drag and Drop

An alternative method to publish applications is to drag an application from the Windows Explorer. This method will capture all data related with the application and will be incorporated in the Application and Startup settings. Then you may opt to configure the 'Publish From' and Filtering settings from their respective tabs as by default drag and drop applications will be published to 'All Farm' and Filtering is not enabled. You may also configure the 'Startup Settings' for other servers. For more information how to configure each published application setting refer to the section '2X Publishing Wizard – Application'

To publish an application using the drag and drop feature, first select the group from the Published Applications Explorer in order to select the Application group where you want the application to be published.

Then open the Windows Explorer or just a normal folder and drag and drop any application or content into the 2X Console. You may also drag and drop a whole folder with sub folders, and it will be represented as Application groups and sub-groups in the Published Applications Explorer.

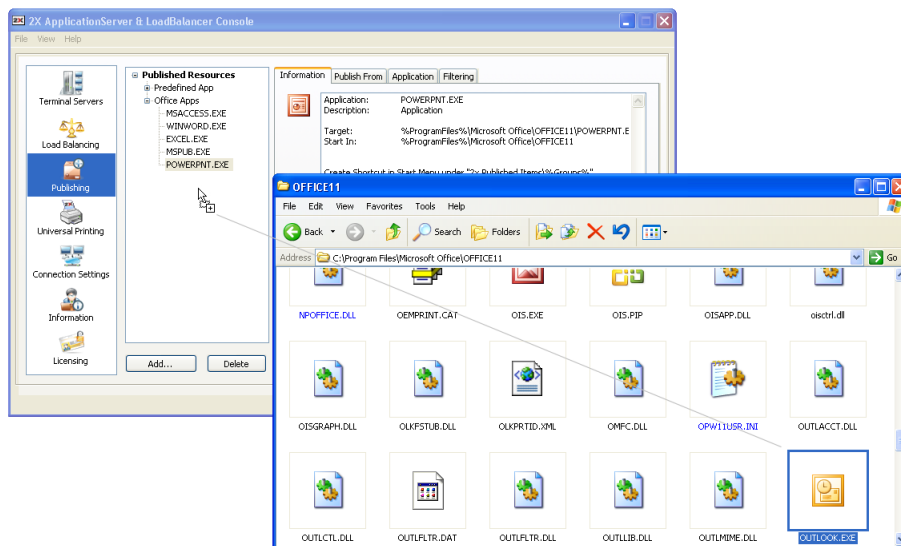


Figure 172 - Publish Applications using Drag and Drop

Publish Applications Configuration

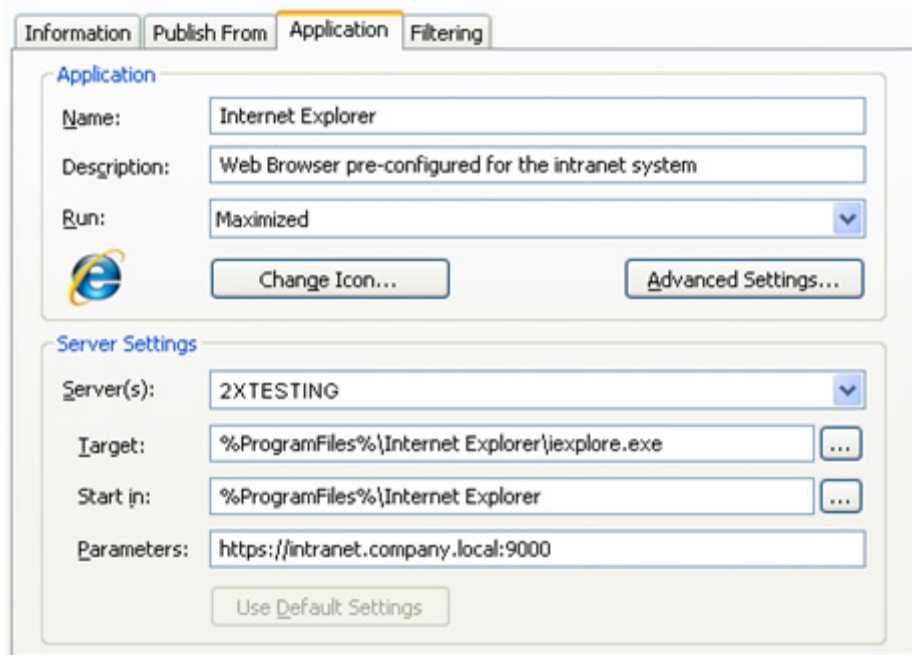


Figure 173 - Applications Configuration – Information, Publish From, Application and Filtering

After you've published an 'Application', 'Application Group', 'Desktop', 'Predefined applications' or a 'Virtual Desktop' using the Wizard or the drag and drop facility, you may choose to re-configure each selected item by using the 'Published Application Properties' Area.

First select the item that you want to re-configure from the 'Published Applications Explorer' tree and then choose the appropriate tab according to your needs. The tabs related with the published items are:

- Information – A detailed summary related with the selected application.
- Publish From - To select from where you want to publish the selected item.
- Application – To add or modify the application name and the description related with the selected application and an ability to configure the 'Target', 'Start in' and 'Parameters' for each Terminal Server.
- Filtering – Ability to filter each application or group for certain users or computers according to the username, client name or IP.

For more detailed information about each tab, refer to section ['2X Publishing Wizard - Application'](#).

2X Startup Wizard

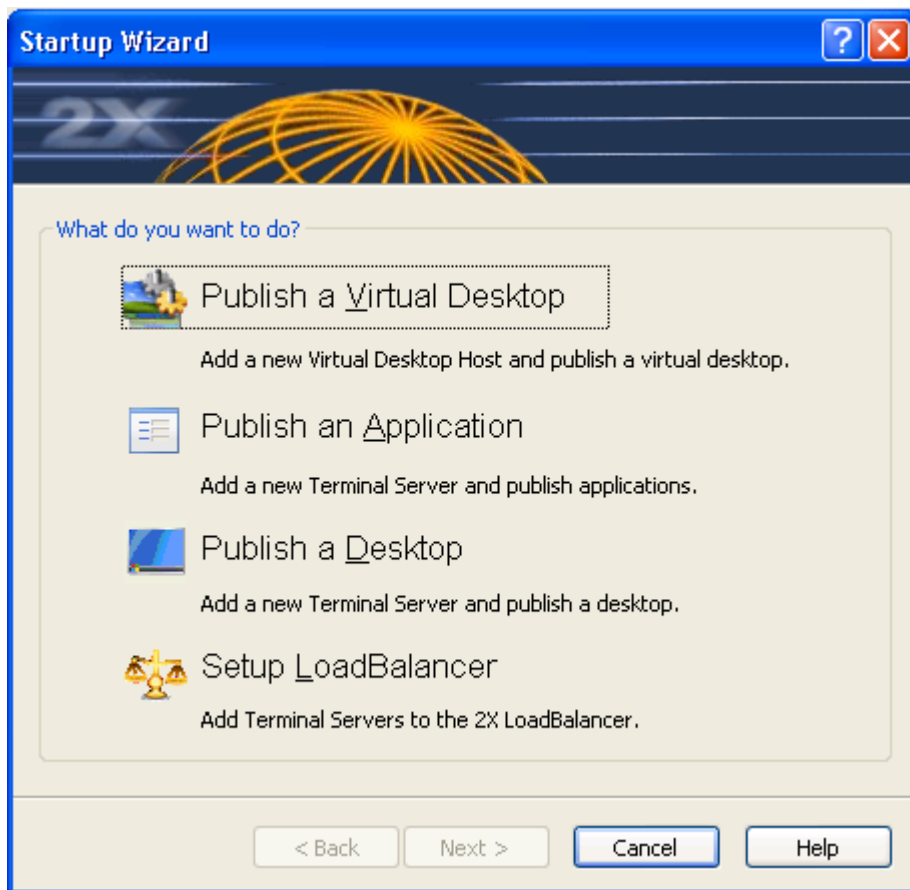


Figure 174 - Startup Wizard

2X VirtualDesktopServer now incorporates a Startup Wizard which will guide you through each step needed to setup Virtual Desktops, Published Applications, Published Desktops or Terminal Servers (for load balancing) in the shortest amount of time.

Start by selecting what you want to publish. You can choose from:

- **Virtual Desktop** – Add a new Virtual Host and publish a virtual desktop.
- **Published Application** – Add a new Terminal Server and publish applications.
- **Published Desktop** – Add a new Terminal Server and publish a desktop.
- **Setup Loadbalancer** – Add Terminal Servers to the 2X LoadBalancer.

Virtual Desktop

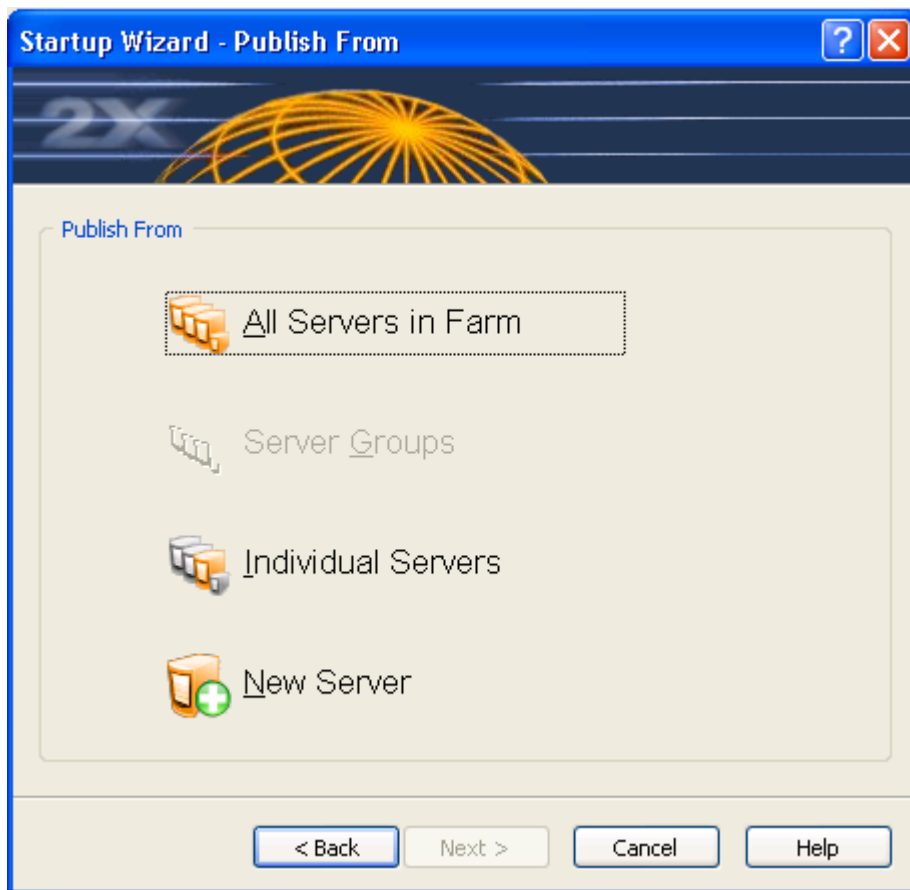


Figure 175 - Choose from where you want to publish from

Choosing 'All Servers in Farm' will include all the servers that are added to the farm. If only one server is present you will be automatically taken to the 'Startup Wizard - Publish Virtual Desktop' Dialog.

Choosing 'Server Groups' will allow you to choose which group of servers from your farm you would like to use to publish a virtual desktop.

Choosing 'Individual Servers' will allow you to choose the servers you would like to use to publish a virtual desktop one by one by checking the checkbox next to the name of the server.

Choosing 'New Server' will allow you to add a new server to the farm and use it to publish a virtual desktop.

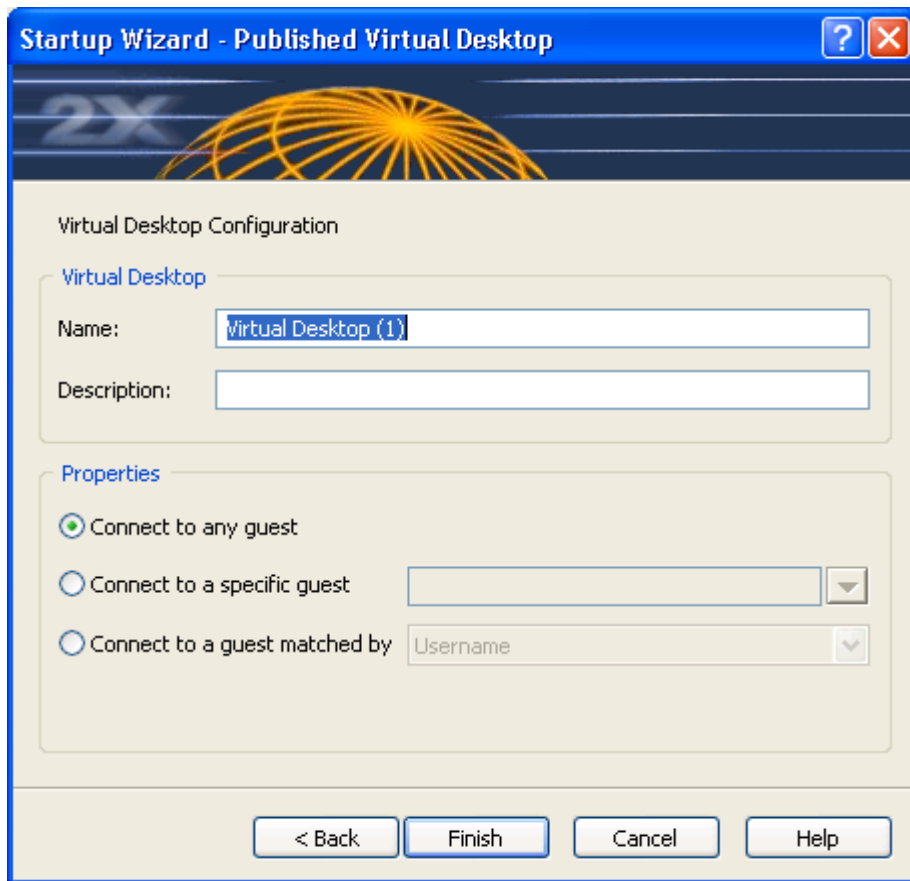


Figure 176 - Publish a Virtual Desktop

Virtual Desktop

In this dialog you can type the Desktop Name and a Description for the published desktop. From this dialog you may also change the icon for the published desktop.

Properties

There are 3 different properties which can be used by the virtual desktop. 'Connect to any guest' will load any virtual desktop published to any user that logs in. 'Connect to specific guest' will load the virtual desktop selected to every user. 'Connect to a guest where name equals' will loads the virtual desktop to users who's user name is the same as that of the virtual desktop or to users which are using a machine that has an IP address equal to the virtual desktop's name.

Published Applications

Choosing 'All Servers in Farm' will include all the servers that are added to the farm. If only on server is present you will be automatically taken to the 'Startup Wizard – Publish Applications' Dialog.

Choosing 'Server Groups' will allow you to choose which group of servers from your farm you would like to use to publish an application.

Choosing 'Individual Servers' will allow you to choose the servers you would like to use to publish an application one by one by checking the checkbox next to the name of the server.

Choosing 'New Server' will allow you to add a new server to the farm and use it to publish an application.

Add Applications

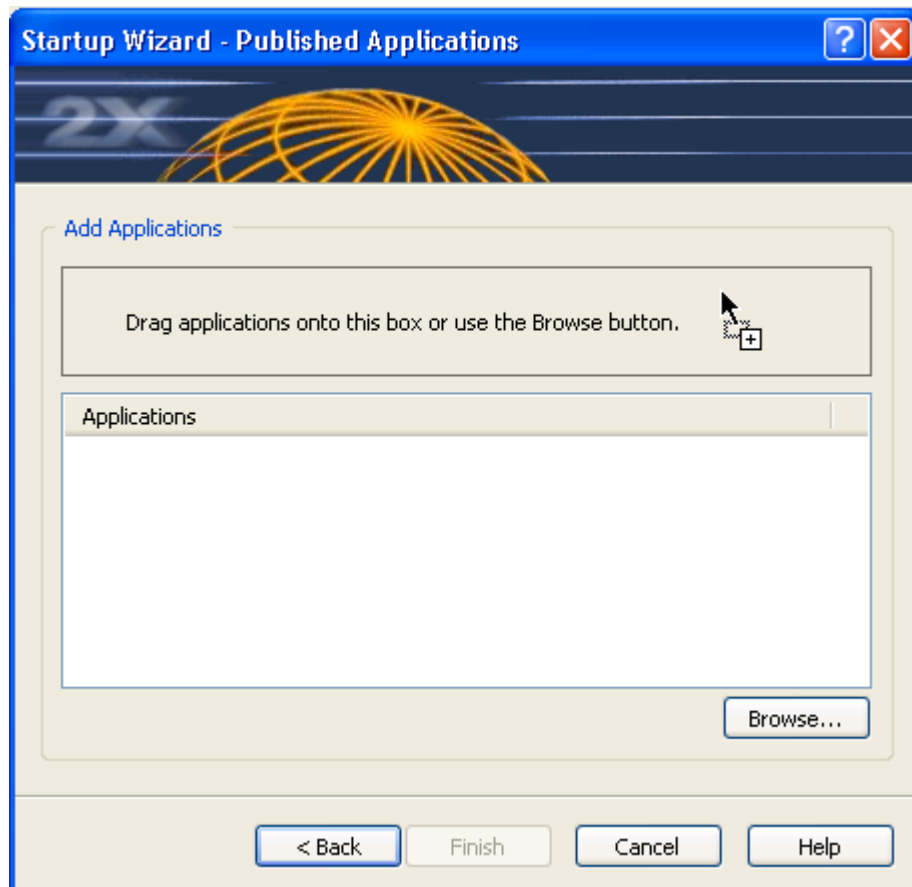


Figure 177 - Publish Applications

Click on the 'Browse...' button and select the Executable (.exe) file of the application that you would like to publish. You can also drag and drop Executable (.exe) files onto the box at the top of the dialog. You will see a new entry in the list box which shows the list of applications to be published. Once all the applications have been select click 'Finish' so the applications can now be published.

Published Desktop

Choosing 'All Servers in Farm' will include all the servers that are added to the farm. If only on server is present you will be automatically taken to the 'Startup Wizard - Publish Desktop' Dialog.

Choosing 'Server Groups' will allow you to choose which group of servers from your farm you would like to use to publish a desktop.

Choosing 'Individual Servers' will allow you to choose the servers you would like to use to publish a desktop one by one by checking the checkbox next to the name of the server.

Choosing 'New Server' will allow you to add a new server to the farm and use it to publish a desktop.

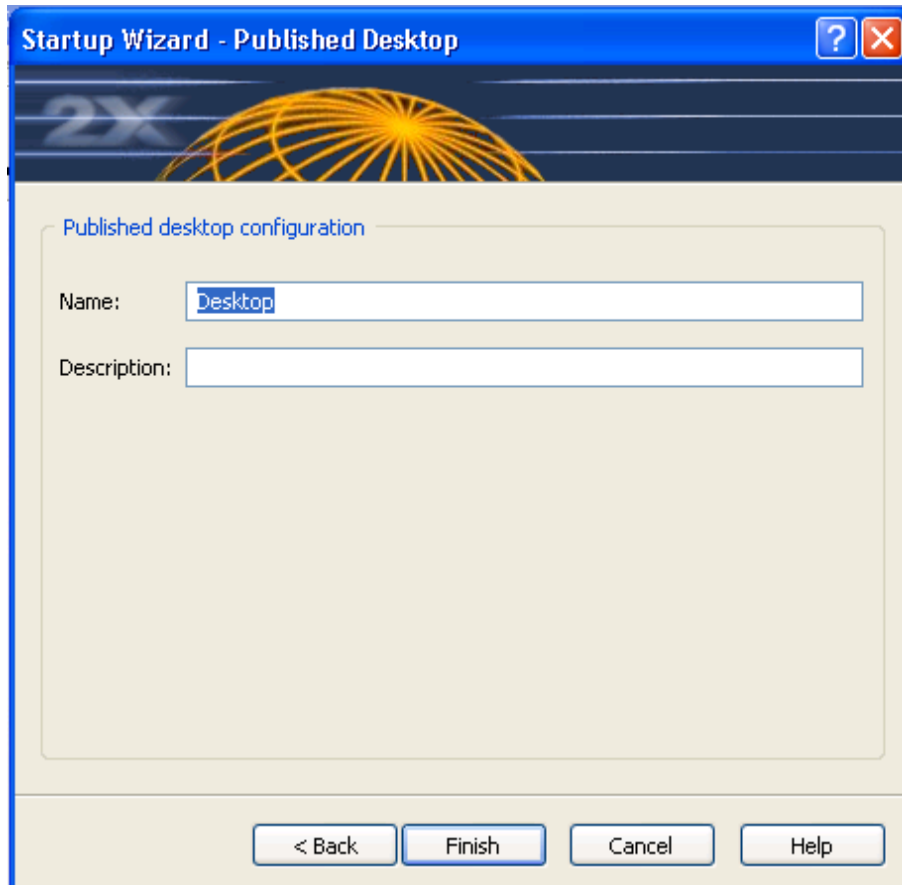


Figure 178 - Published Desktop

After you have chosen the source of the published desktop all you need to do is give it a name and maybe add a description. Click 'Finish' to complete the process.

Setup LoadBalancer

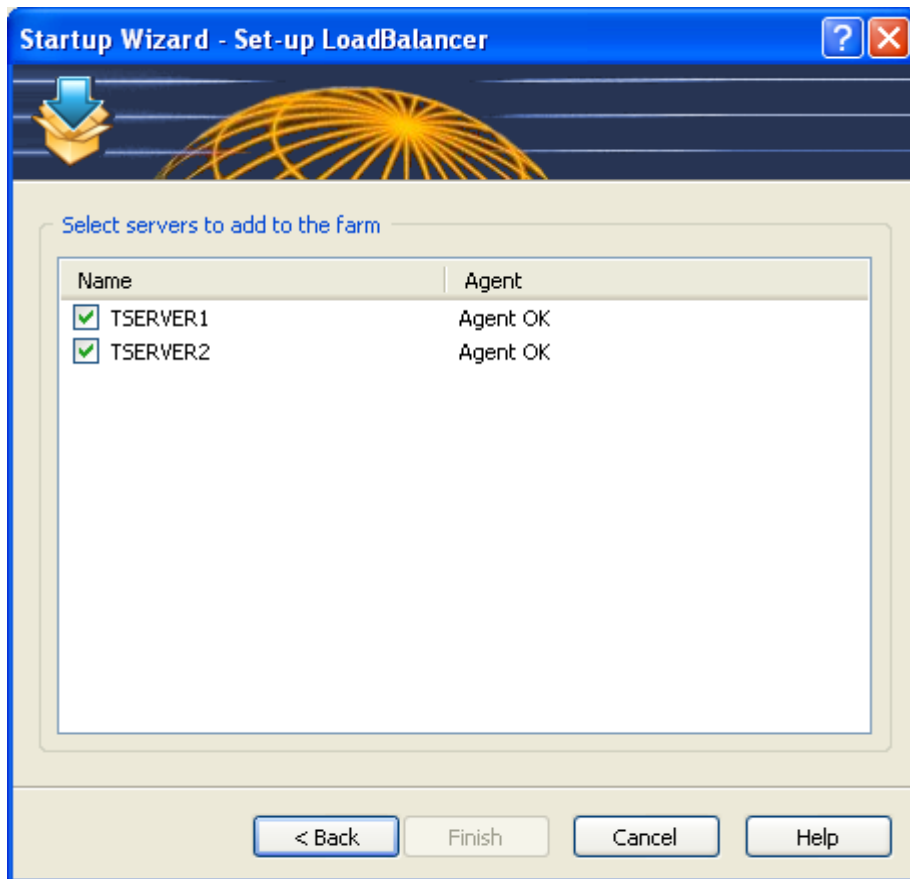


Figure 179 - Select the server to be used for load balancing

After selecting 'Setup LoadBalancer' a new page will load listing all the servers available on the network and the information about their Agent. Select which servers you would like to use for load balancing by checking the check box next to the servers.

When you have selected all the server that you want to add simply click on 'Finish'

2X UNIVERSAL PRINTING



2X Universal Printing is used to solve printer drivers problems. If the client is using a printer which the server does not have a suitable printer driver, the normal printing redirection will not work. Using 2X Universal Printing you do not need to install the specific printer driver on the server. Only one printer is shown on the server irrespective of the number of users and sessions currently in use on the terminal server thus avoiding confusion. The 2X Universal Printer driver comes in 32 and 64 bit format.

When you install the 2X Terminal Server Agent on each Terminal Server, 2X Universal Printing is automatically installed.

To enable or disable the functionality of '2X Universal Printing' from each Terminal Server in the farm click on 'Universal Printing' in the navigation bar.

Then select the particular Terminal Server(s) and click '**Enable**' to enable 2x Universal Printing or click '**Disable**' to disable the universal printing functionality from the selected Terminal Servers.

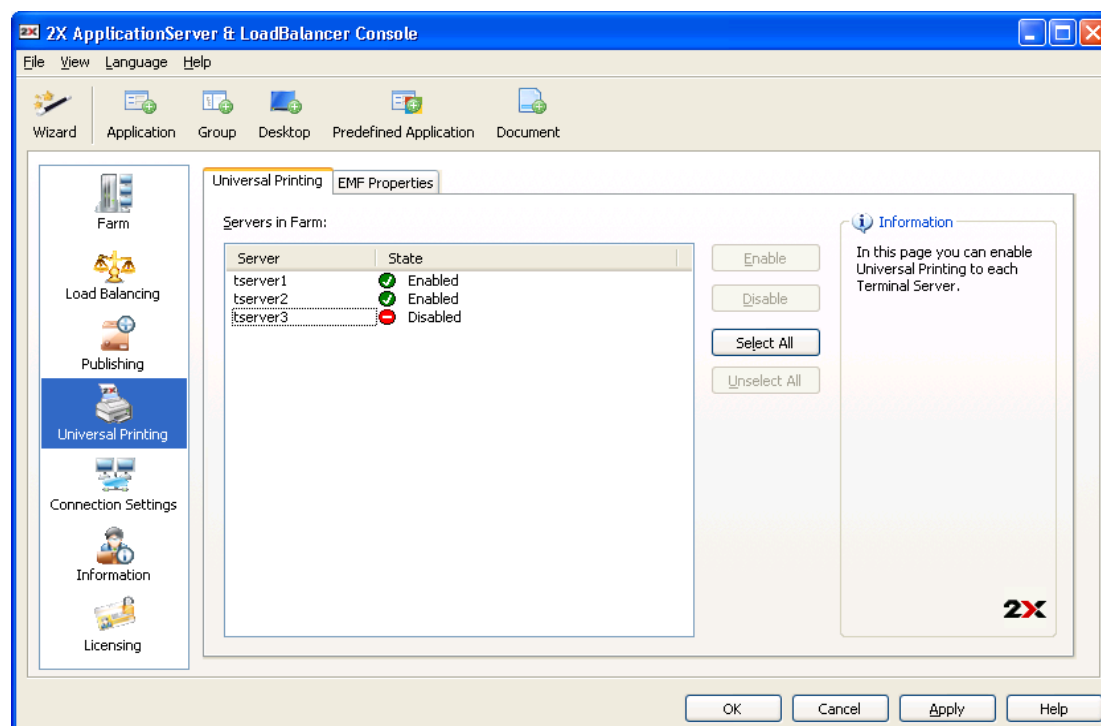


Figure 180 - Universal Printing page to enable or disable universal printing on each Terminal Server

EMF Properties

To control if any fonts are embedded within a print job go to the 'EMF Properties' tab and check/uncheck 'Embed Fonts'. By default a number of fonts will already be excluded since these are normally available on standard Windows platforms. If the client selects "Enhanced Meta File" data format for Universal Printing, you can select which fonts are embedded with the print job.

To add a new font click on the '**Add**' button and select the font which you would like to add.

To delete a font, select the font which you would like to delete from the excluded list and click the '**Delete**' button.

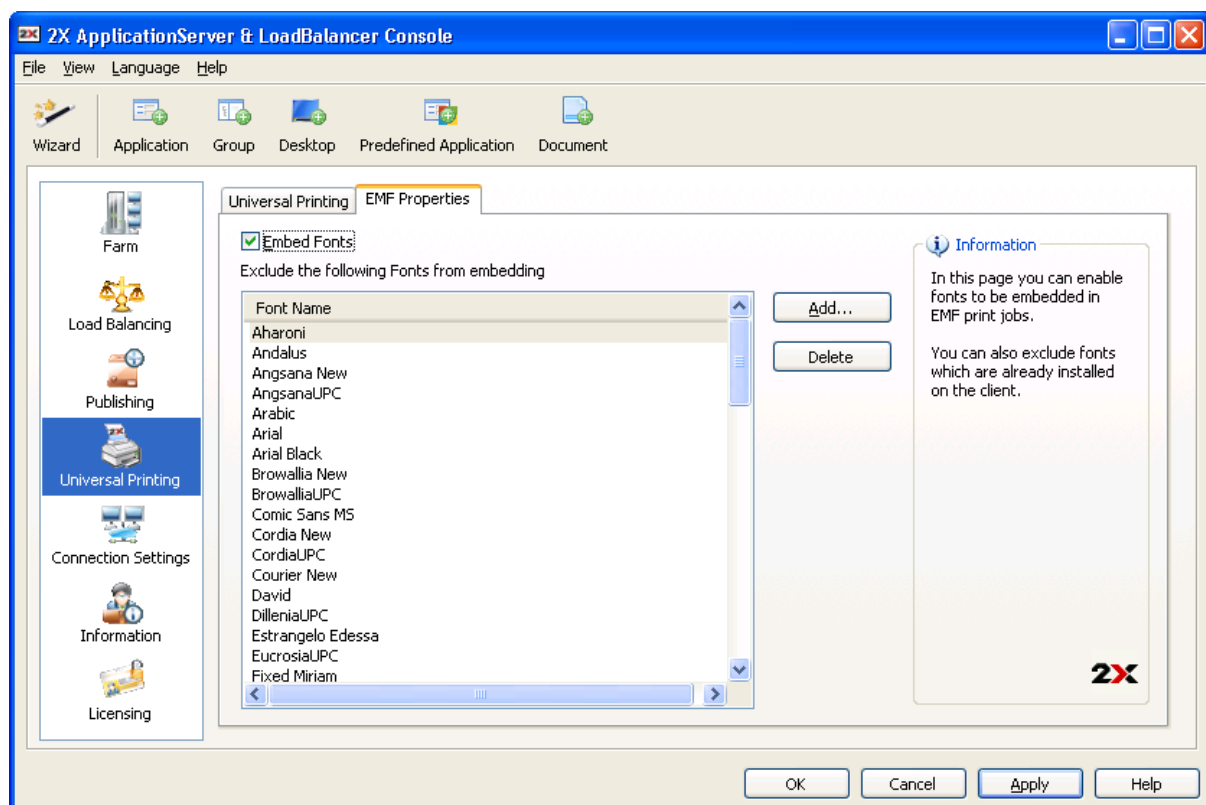


Figure 181 - Enable fonts to be embedded in EMF print jobs

Note that Universal Printing is only available for Windows clients

CONNECTION SETTINGS



Publishing Agent

In this page you may configure which port to use for the publishing agent service. You may also configure the authentication options.

Figure 182 - Connection Settings page – Publishing Agent Tab

The **2X Publishing Agent Port** (default TCP 20002) uses a specific port to pass information about the published applications available to its clients. The default port is TCP 20002. Make sure the 2X Client Gateway has access to this port otherwise it will not be able to retrieve the published applications list and load balance the application requests.

The **2X Terminal Server Agent Port** (default TCP 20003) is used to communicate with the 2X Terminal Server Agents which should be installed on the Terminal Servers or Citrix MetaFrame Servers. The 2X Terminal Server Agent provides information to the 2X VirtualDesktopServer over this port.

Authentication

To make sure that every single client authenticates against the 2X VirtualDesktopServer to retrieve the list of published applications enable 'Always require user credentials for application list' checkbox.

To authenticate against a specific domain/workgroup you have to select the 'domain' radio button and enter the domain/workgroup required.

In case you want to select a new domain for authentication, simply click on '...' button and select the new domain to be used. You can also use the 'Default' button to choose the default domain/workgroup used for authentication.

Select 'All Trusted Domains' if you want to authenticate with any trusted domain/workgroup.

By default 'use client domain if specified' is checked and this option will allow the user to specify the domain to authenticate in their client (2X Client – General options - Domain). If the client does not specify any domain, and this option is enabled, the authentication is done with the domain specified in the Authentication panel as displayed in the above figure.

When this option is disabled, the clients will only authenticate with the domain specified in the domain field of the authentication panel on the server side.

We recommend you selecting 'Always require User Credentials for application list' so that all users must authenticate before acquiring the application list.

Make sure to click 'Apply' to activate the above settings.

NOTE: In case that you want to make authentication with a workstation which is not joined with a domain you can also authenticate with the local users of the workstation. In order to specify authentication with such a workstation you must enter [workgroup_name] / [machine_name]. Therefore if you would like to authenticate against a machine named 'SERVER1' and member of workgroup named 'WORKGROUP' you would have to enter: WORKGROUP/SERVER1 in the domain field.

NOTE: In order to avoid user filtering problems, it is suggested to use the NetBIOS name instead the FQDN in the domain field.

Deepnet Unified Authentication Platform

To add two-factor authentication to your 2X VirtualDesktopServer you can use Deepnet. Click on 'Configure' where a new window will open for you to input your Deepnet server settings.

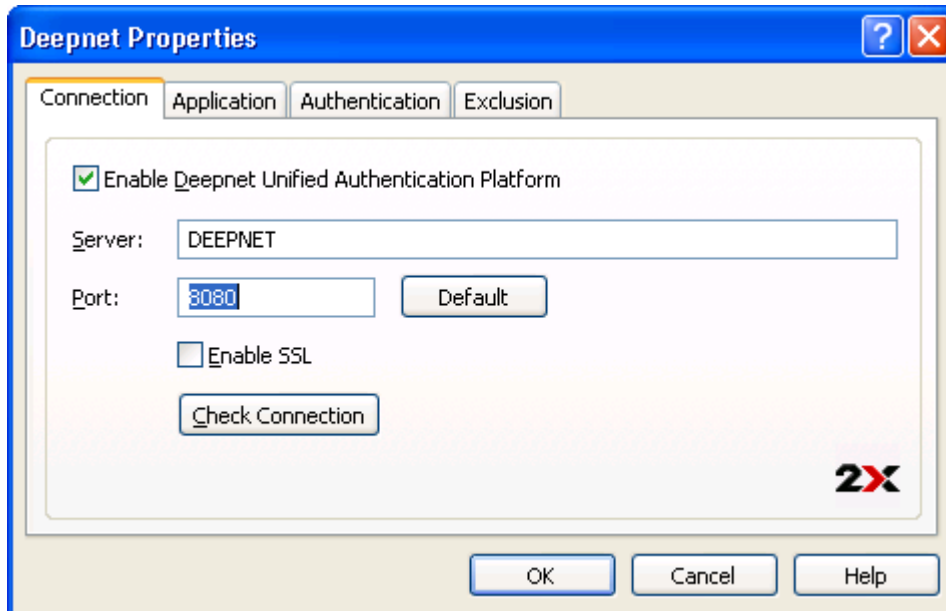


Figure 183 - Deepnet Unified Authentication Platform: Connection Properties

Connection

First check the 'Enable Deepnet Unified Authentication Platform' if you want to use Deepnet.

Enter the server name and port that you saved while setting up your Authentication Server. Click on 'Check Connection' to test that your Authentication Server can be reached. You can choose to connect over SSL to your Deepnet server.

Application

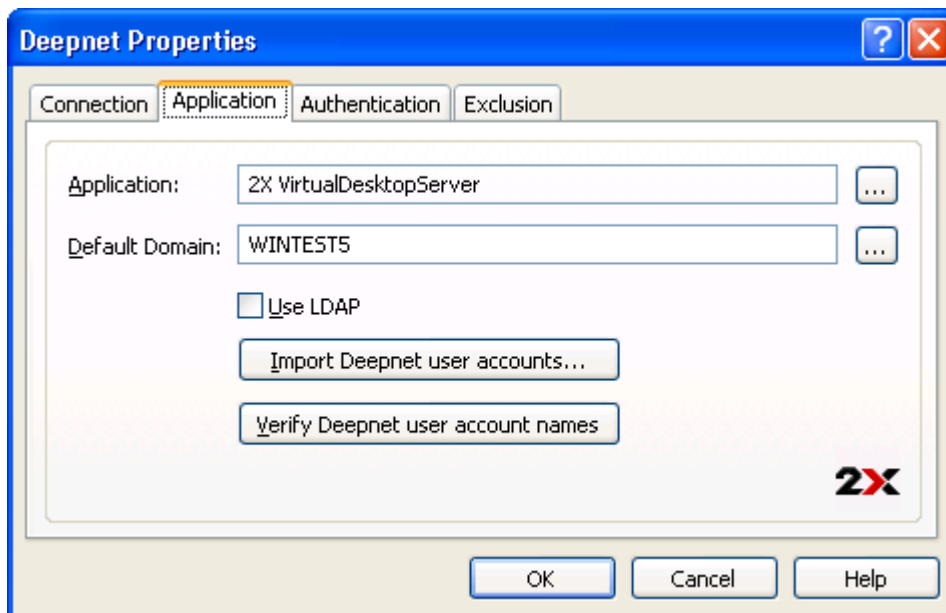


Figure 184 - Deepnet Unified Authentication Platform: Application Properties

Select the application profile that will use Deepnet to authenticate its users.

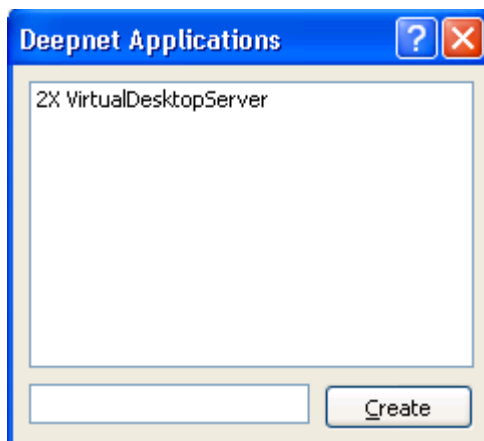


Figure 185 - Choose 2X VirtualDesktopServer

From the above dialog you can choose the application which used by 2X VirtualDesktopServer for authentication. You can also create an application which will be added on the Deepnet server.

The 'Default Domain' enables you to choose the default domain that your users will use. Any Deepnet user accounts imported or verified will be done so using this default domain.

Authentication

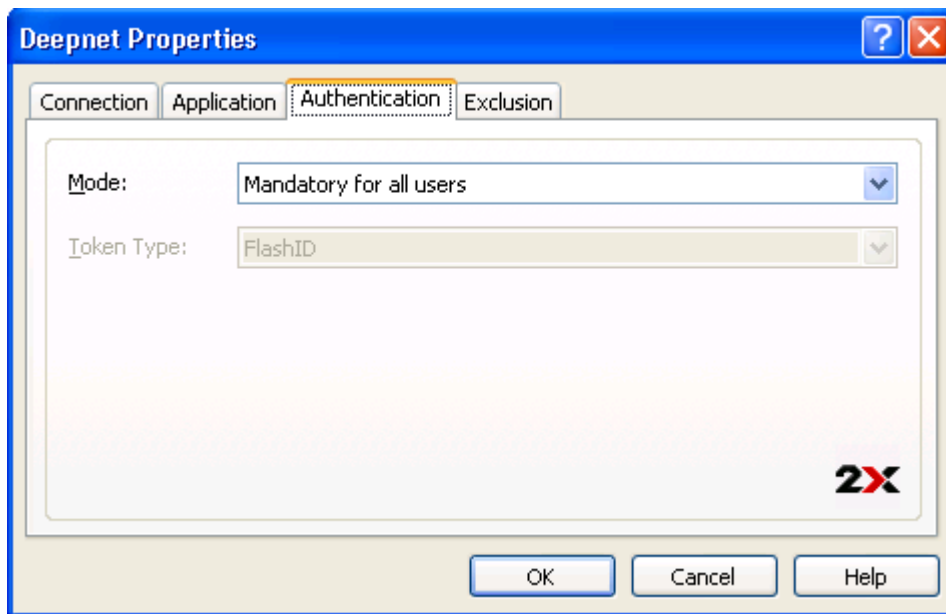


Figure 186 - Deepnet Unified Authentication Platform: Authentication Properties

Select how you want your users to be authenticated.

'Mandatory for all users' means that every user using the system must log in using two-factor authentication.

'Create token for Domain Authenticated Users' will allow 2X VirtualDesktopServer to automatically create software tokens for Domain Authenticated Users. Choose a token type from the drop down list. Note that this option only works with software tokens.

'Use only for users with a Deepnet account' will allow users that do not have a Deepnet account to use the system without have to login using two-factor authentication.

Exclusion

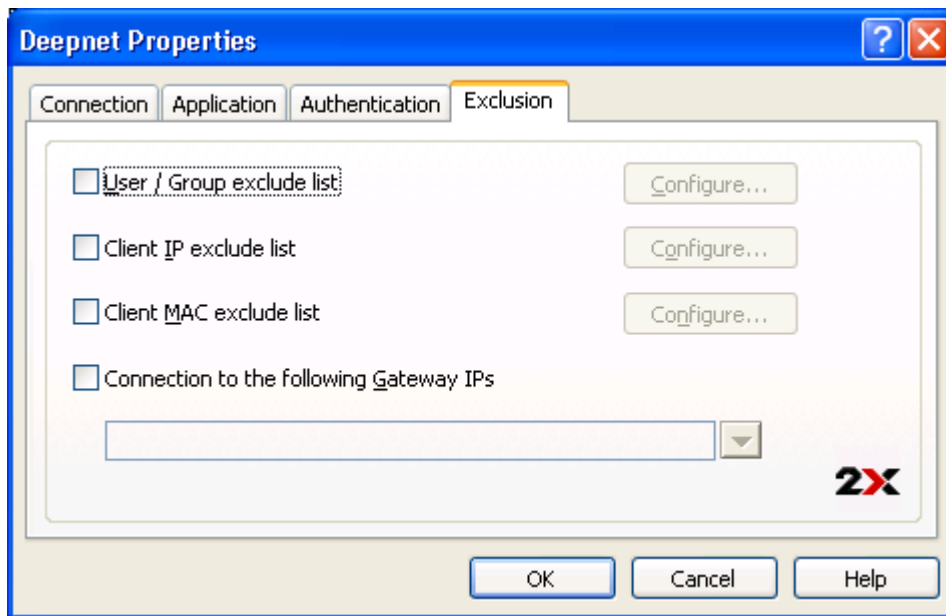


Figure 187 - Deepnet Unified Authentication Platform: Exclusion Properties

'User / Group exclude list' allows you to add users or groups within your active directory that will be excluded from using Deepnet Authentication.

'Client IP exclude list' allows you to add IP addresses or a range of IP addresses that will be excluded from using Deepnet Authentication.

'Client MAC exclude list' allows you to add a MAC addresses that will be excluded from using Deepnet Authentication.

'Connection to the following Gateway IPs' allows you to set a Gateway where users connected to the Gateway will be excluded from using Deepnet Authentication.

NOTE: For more information about how to setup Deepnet to work with you 2X application please refer to "Setting up Deepnet for 2X VirtualDesktopServer or 2X ApplicationServer Manual" which can be downloaded form <http://www.2x.com> or by clicking [here](#).

INFORMATION



Status

In this page you can monitor the status of each service, while you can also monitor sessions connected on the Virtual Desktop Host, Terminal Servers or Citrix Servers enabled in the farm. The status is refreshed every minute. You may also use the 'Refresh' button to manually refresh the content.

The screenshot shows the 'Status' tab of the 2X management interface. It features a navigation bar with tabs: Status, Notification, Logging, Auditing, Software Update, and Support. The main content area displays the following information:

- Date & Time: Fri Sep 26 12:23:33 2008
- 2X Redundancy Service: Running
- 2X Publishing Agent Service: Running
- 2X Terminal Server Agent Service: Running
- 2X Client Gateway Service: Running
- 2X VDS Agent Service: Running
- Load Balancing: 3 servers
- 2X Client Gateway
 - Client gateway: Running on 0.0.0.0:80
 - Citrix Gateway: Running on 0.0.0.0:1494
 - Broadcast service: Running on 0.0.0.0:20000
- 0 active RDP tunneled sessions

At the bottom, there are 'Refresh' and 'Copy to Clipboard' buttons, and the 2X logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

Figure 188 - Information page – Status Tab

Notification

To be notified when some counters exceed a certain amount, you will need to enable the notification options. In the Notification tab you'll be notified if some server parameters exceed what you define as appropriate.

The screenshot shows the 'Notification' tab selected among a row of tabs: Status, Notification, Logging, Auditing, Software Update, and Support. The 'Notify when' section contains five items, each with a checkbox and a value field with up/down arrows. The first two are checked: 'CPU utilization is higher than' (90%) and 'Memory utilization is higher than' (90%). The next two are unchecked: 'Number of sessions is higher than' (250) and 'Number of disconnected sessions is higher than' (250). The last one is checked: '2X Terminal Server Agent has disconnected or reconnected'. The 'Notify Options' section has two checked items: 'Send warning message to this computer:' with a text field containing 'tserver1.2x.com' and a browse button (...), and 'Send Email to:' with a text field containing 'support.2x.com'. Below these are two buttons: 'Mailbox Setup...' and 'Send Test Email'. At the bottom, the 'Notification Interval' is set to 60 minutes.

Notify when	Value	Unit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPU utilization is higher than	90	%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Memory utilization is higher than	90	%
<input type="checkbox"/> Number of sessions is higher than	250	
<input type="checkbox"/> Number of disconnected sessions is higher than	250	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2X Terminal Server Agent has disconnected or reconnected		

Notify Options

☒ Send warning message to this computer:
tserver1.2x.com ...

☒ Send Email to:
support.2x.com

Mailbox Setup... Send Test Email

Notification Interval: 60 Minutes

Figure 189 - Notification

You can choose any of the counters monitored by the 2X Terminal Server Agent and set the appropriate number accordingly. For example if you want to be notified if a terminal server is handling more than 45 sessions or if it has more than 10 disconnected sessions, simply check the appropriate checkbox and set the right amount.

After selecting which counters to monitor you must select how you would like to be notified. The 2X VirtualDesktopServer is capable of sending you network messages to a certain computer on your network and/or send an email message to any email address of your choice.

To send a message to a computer on the network, select 'Send warning message to this computer:' and click on '.' to select any of the available machines on your network.

To send an email to a predefined email address you must first setup the mailbox details. Select 'Send Email to', type in the receiver's email address

(for example, support@2x.com) and click on 'Mailbox Setup...'.



Figure 190 - Mailbox Setup

Type in the sender address you would like to see (for example, support@2x.com) and the SMTP server address to be used. If your SMTP server requires authentication when sending emails through it, make sure you select 'SMTP Server requires authentication' and type in the correct username/password to be used.

One can also configure different ports for the SMTP server by append ':' port. E.g. mail.company.com:465

To connect with an SMTP server that requires a secure connection enable 'Use TLS/SSL'.

After you setup the Mailbox details, simply click Ok and then 'Send Test Email'. The email address you type on the main Notification Tab should get the test email.

To configure the notification period that each warning message will be sent to a computer on the network or by mail, type the amount of minutes in the Notification Interval.

Logging

The Logging tab allows you to enable logging and to set the location of the log file to be used.

You may enable logging by ticking the '**Enable Logging**' Check Box in the logging tab. You may also enable 'Log Servers Performance' and performance counters of each load balanced server will be saved.

Then you may also set the location of the log file to be used. The Log file will save information about the incoming connections like their originating IP address, the terminal server that was chosen and so on.

To view the contents of the log file, click the 'View Log...' button and to purge the log file click the 'Clear Log File' button.

Backup Log File

It is recommended to backup the log file in a compressed file. This could be done by enabling the 'Backup log file' checkbox. Backup can be scheduled on daily, weekly or monthly basis.

Please note that the backup log file will be located in the same directory of the log file.

Figure 191 - Information Page - Enable Logging

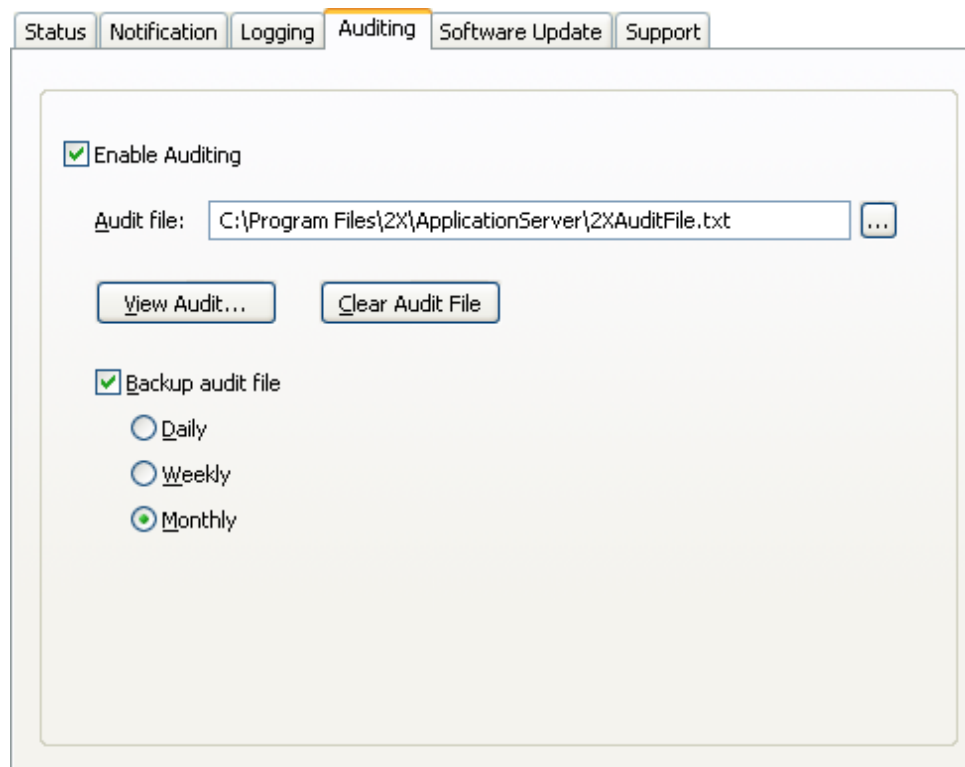
Auditing

In this page you can enable auditing and set the location of the auditing file. The auditing log is an important and valuable tool as it can give information about the sessions opened and the total time of each session.

Backup Audit File

It is recommended to backup the audit file in a compressed file. This could be done by enabling the 'Backup audit file' checkbox. Backup can be scheduled on daily, weekly or monthly basis.

Please note that the backup audit file will be located in the same directory of the audit file.



The screenshot shows a software interface with a tabbed menu at the top containing 'Status', 'Notification', 'Logging', 'Auditing' (which is selected and highlighted with an orange border), 'Software Update', and 'Support'. The 'Auditing' tab is active, displaying a settings panel. At the top of this panel is a checkbox labeled 'Enable Auditing' which is checked. Below it is a text field for 'Audit file:' containing the path 'C:\Program Files\2X\ApplicationServer\2XAuditFile.txt', followed by a small button with three dots. Underneath the text field are two buttons: 'View Audit...' and 'Clear Audit File'. Further down is another checked checkbox labeled 'Backup audit file'. Below this checkbox are three radio button options: 'Daily', 'Weekly', and 'Monthly', with 'Monthly' being the selected option.

Figure 192 - Information Page - Auditing

Software Update

In this page you can set the 2X VirtualDesktopServer Console to check for updates by enabling 'Check for updates when launching 2X VirtualDesktopServer.'

You may also click the 'Check Now...' button to check for the latest updates.

In the Modules Information field you can find information about the modules used by 2X VirtualDesktopServer. This field will give you an overview of what files are installed and their current version. Please report this information when contacting the technical support.

The screenshot shows a web interface with a top navigation bar containing tabs: Status, Notification, Logging, Auditing, Software Update (selected), and Support. The main content area is divided into two sections. The first section, titled 'Web Updates', contains a checked checkbox labeled 'Check for updates when launching 2X ApplicationServer & LoadBalancer Console.', followed by the instruction 'Click the 'Check Now...' button to check for new and updated version now.', and a 'Check Now...' button. The second section, titled 'Modules Information:', contains a list of installed modules and their versions: 2XConsole.exe version 6.1 (build 452) Beta, 2XProxyGateway.exe version 6.1 (build 452) Beta, 2XController.exe version 6.1 (build 452) Beta, 2XAgent.exe version 6.1 (build 452) Beta, 2XRedundancy.exe version 6.1 (build 452) Beta, 2XPrinterRedirector.exe version 6.1 (build 452) Beta, memshell.exe version 6.1 (build 452) Beta, ssleay32.dll version 0.9.8, libeay32.dll version 0.9.8, and winhttp.dll version 5.2.3790.1830 (srv03_sp1_rtm.050324-1447).

Module	Version
2XConsole.exe	version 6.1 (build 452) Beta
2XProxyGateway.exe	version 6.1 (build 452) Beta
2XController.exe	version 6.1 (build 452) Beta
2XAgent.exe	version 6.1 (build 452) Beta
2XRedundancy.exe	version 6.1 (build 452) Beta
2XPrinterRedirector.exe	version 6.1 (build 452) Beta
memshell.exe	version 6.1 (build 452) Beta
ssleay32.dll	version 0.9.8
libeay32.dll	version 0.9.8
winhttp.dll	version 5.2.3790.1830 (srv03_sp1_rtm.050324-1447)

Figure 193 - Software Update and Modules Information

Support

For further technical support queries or further information about 2X products view contact details on this tab.

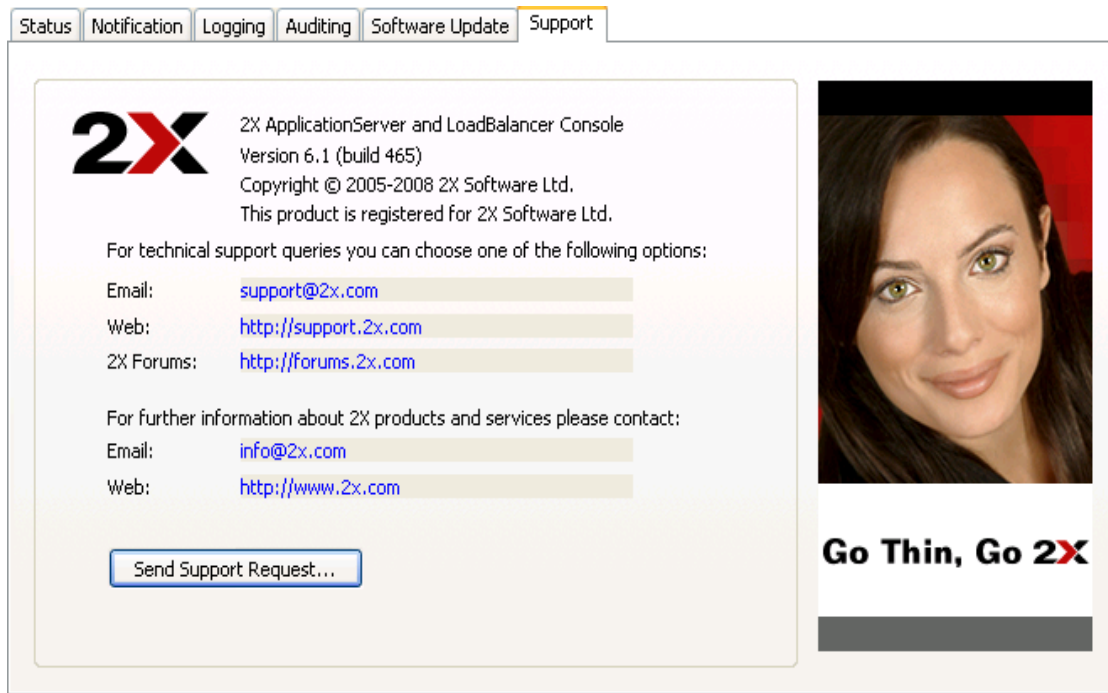


Figure 194 - Information page - Support Tab

Click on 'Send Support Request...' button to contact 2X Support directly from the console. Fill in the required details, add an attachment if you require and click 'Send'. You should [configure your mail settings](#) in order to contact 2X Support from 2X Console.

Contact 2X Support

Full name:

Company:

Subject:

Enter your query:

Attachment:

Please note that the current information, 2X ApplicationServer & LoadBalancer settings and the current Log file are sent as an attachment.

Send via E-mail **2X**

- Send via E-mail
- Save Zip file

Figure 195 - Contact 2X Support

You can save your support request information as a Zip file, this way you don't have to send the email straight away; you can send the Zip file later on from any other machine.

LICENSING



The licensing tab will allow you to view licensing details and enter a license key. If you have purchased a new license key, click the **'Activate...'** button. Fill in the required details in the 'License Activation' dialog and click the **'Activate'** button to activate your license key.

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NOTE: If you decide to allow more users to connect to your published applications, exceeding your current license, a new license key will be required. If you decide to expand your load balanced farm and purchase an additional terminal server license, a new license key will be issued.

After you purchase and receive your new license key simply click the **'Activate...'** button again and type the new license in the 'License key' field.

After you receive your new license key simply enter it on the Licensing tab and click the **'Apply'** button.

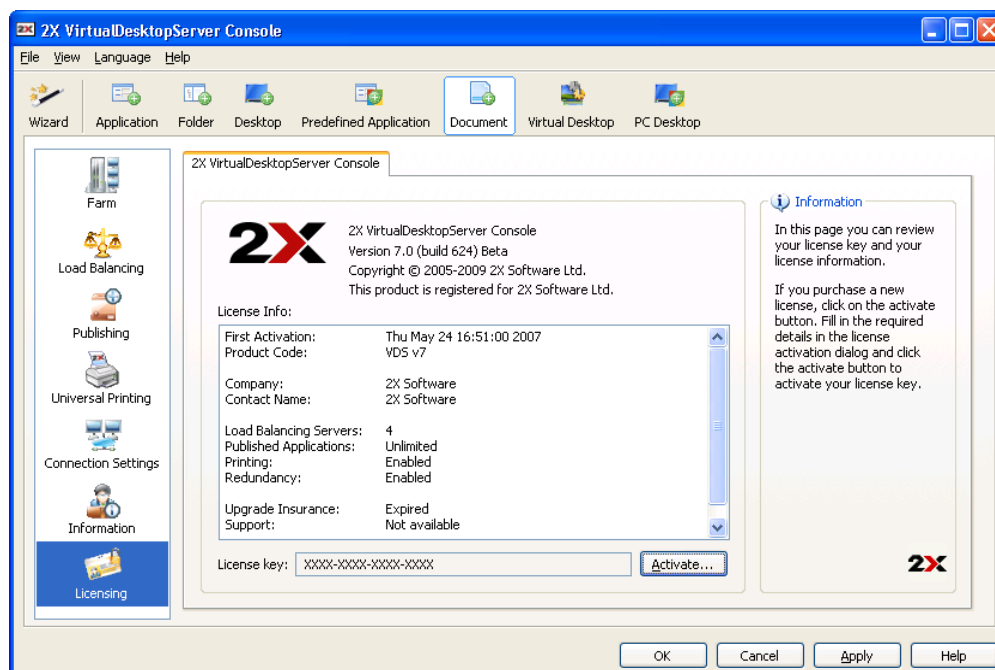
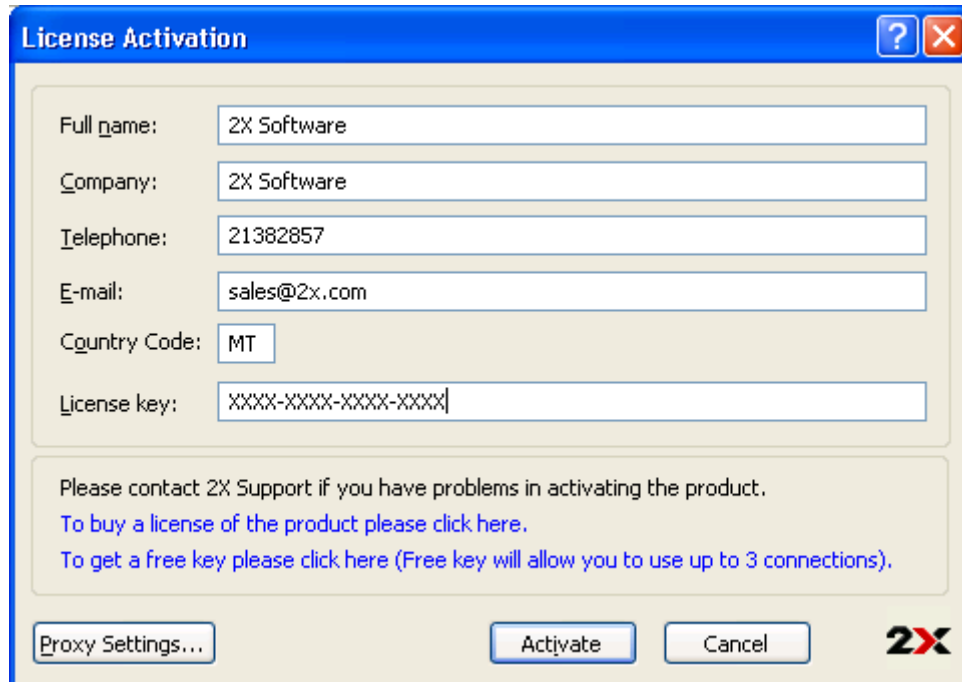


Figure 196 - 2X VirtualDesktopServer licensing

License Activation

In order to activate the license key, fill in the required contact details and type the license in the 'License key' field and click 'Activate' as shown in the figure below.



The 'License Activation' dialog box features a blue title bar with a question mark icon and a close button. The main area contains several text input fields: 'Full name' (containing '2X Software'), 'Company' (containing '2X Software'), 'Telephone' (containing '21382857'), 'E-mail' (containing 'sales@2x.com'), 'Country Code' (containing 'MT'), and 'License key' (containing 'XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX'). Below these fields is a text area with instructions: 'Please contact 2X Support if you have problems in activating the product.', a blue hyperlink 'To buy a license of the product please click here.', and another blue hyperlink 'To get a free key please click here (Free key will allow you to use up to 3 connections)'. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Proxy Settings...', 'Activate', and 'Cancel', followed by the 2X logo.

Figure 197 - License Activation

When the license key is activated, you should get a dialog which states that the license key is activated successfully.

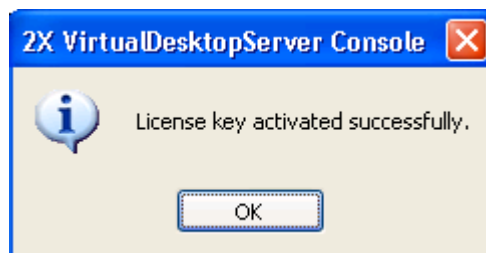


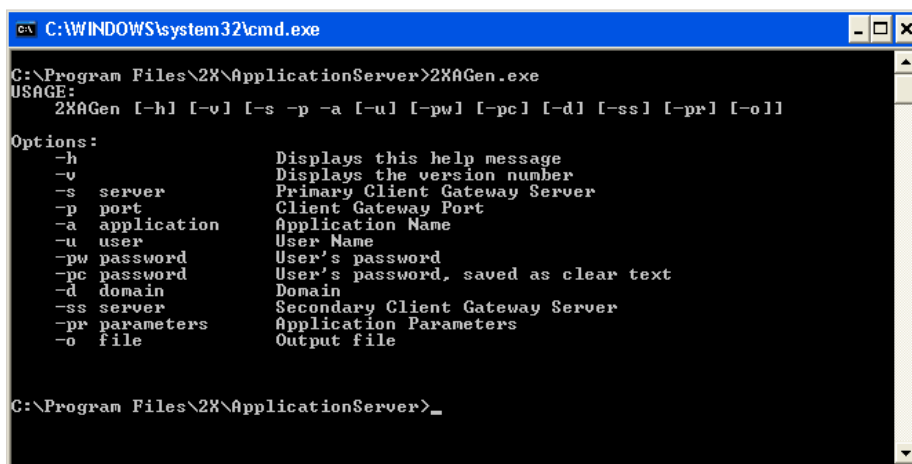
Figure 198 - License Key activated successfully

NOTE: ApplicationServer & LoadBalancer version 6 requires a version 6 license. Clients that have old licenses can contact support to retrieve the version 6 licenses.

2X ADDITIONAL UTILITIES

2XA Generator

2XA Generator is a command line utility to create 2xa files. 2xa files contains the required information to launch a published item. To use 2XA Generator, run 2XAGen.exe [c:\Program Files\2X\VDS\2XAGen.exe] in a command prompt and pass the appropriate parameters.



```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

C:\Program Files\2X\ApplicationServer>2XAGen.exe
USAGE:
    2XAGen [-h] [-v] [-s -p -a [-u] [-pw] [-pc] [-d] [-ss] [-pr] [-o]]

Options:
    -h          Displays this help message
    -v          Displays the version number
    -s server   Primary Client Gateway Server
    -p port     Client Gateway Port
    -a application Application Name
    -u user     User Name
    -pw password User's password
    -pc password User's password, saved as clear text
    -d domain   Domain
    -ss server  Secondary Client Gateway Server
    -pr parameters Application Parameters
    -o file     Output file

C:\Program Files\2X\ApplicationServer>_
```

Figure 199 - 2XA Generator

Parameters

-h	Displays the help message
-v	Displays the version number
-s server	Primary Client Gateway Server
-p port	Client Gateway Port
-a application	Application Name
-u user	User Name
-pw password	User's password
-pc password	User's password, saved as clear text
-d domain	Domain
-ss server	Secondary Client Gateway Server
-pr parameters	Application Parameters
-o file	Output file

2XA Generator Examples

EXAMPLE 1:

```
2XAGen.exe -s "TSServer1" -p 80 -a "Word"
```

OUTPUT OF EXAMPLE 1:

```
<App xmlns:dt="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:datatypes">
  <Connection>
    <Port dt:dt="ui4">80</Port>
    <PrimaryServer>TSServer1</PrimaryServer>
  </Connection>
  <Startup>
    <PublishedApp>Word</PublishedApp>
  </Startup>
</App>
```

EXAMPLE 2:

```
2XAGen -s "TSServer1" -p 80 -a "Word" -u "Testuser1" -pc
"mypassword" -d "mydomain" -ss "TSServer2" -pr"C:\document.doc"
-o word.2xa
```

OUTPUT OF EXAMPLE 2: [content of word.2xa]

```
<App xmlns:dt="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:datatypes">
  <Connection>
    <Port dt:dt="ui4">80</Port>
    <PrimaryServer>TSServer1</PrimaryServer>
    <SecondaryServer>TSServer2</SecondaryServer>
  </Connection>
  <Logon>
    <Passworddt:dt="bin.base64">nqLSKZch8PVBrg5l+Iq0qQ==</Password>
    <Domain>mydomain</Domain>
    <User>Testuser1</User>
  </Logon>
  <Startup>
    <OverrideParams>C:\document.doc</OverrideParams>
    <PublishedApp>Word</PublishedApp>
  </Startup>
</App>
```

INSTALLING 2X CLIENT FOR WINDOWS

2X Client System requirements

- Windows 2000, XP, Vista.
- The same hardware requirements as specified by Microsoft when using any of these workstation OSs
- Some features (like high color, sound, etc) will only be available if your workstation has the appropriate hardware installed and properly configured.

Installing 2X Client

Before you run the installation procedure please make sure that you are logged on as Administrator and the system requirements are met.

1. Run the 2X Client setup program by double clicking on the '**2XClient.msi**' file on the client machine. A welcome dialog will appear. Close other Windows programs and click '**Next**'.

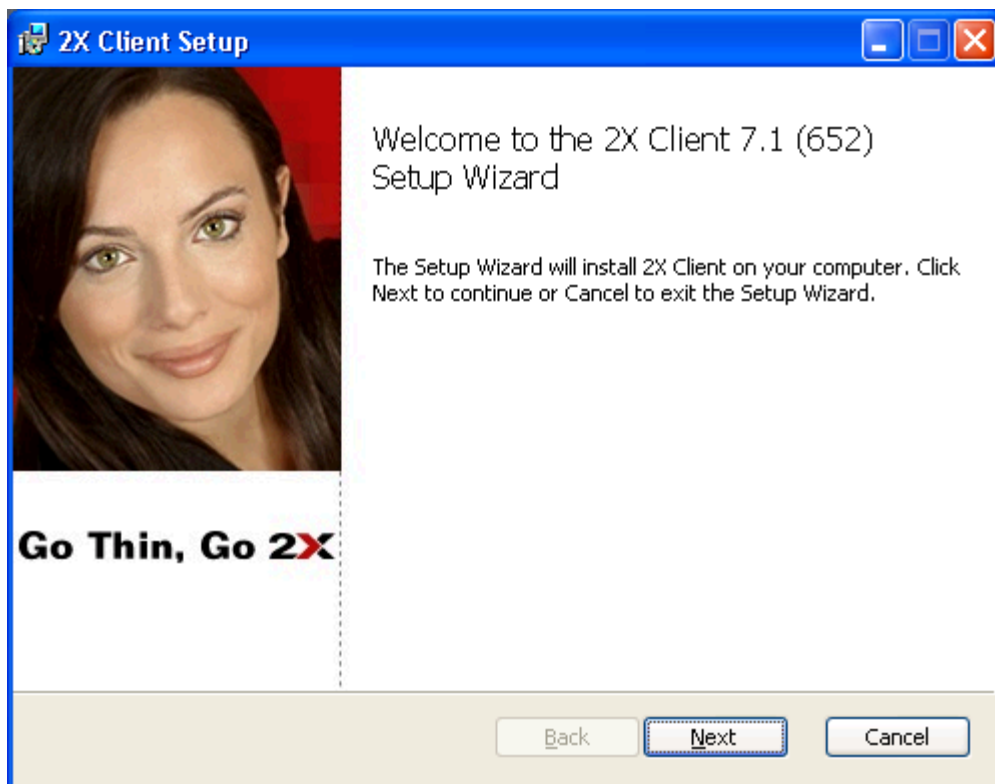


Figure 200 - 2X Client Setup Program welcome screen.

2. Accept the License Agreement and click '**Next**'.

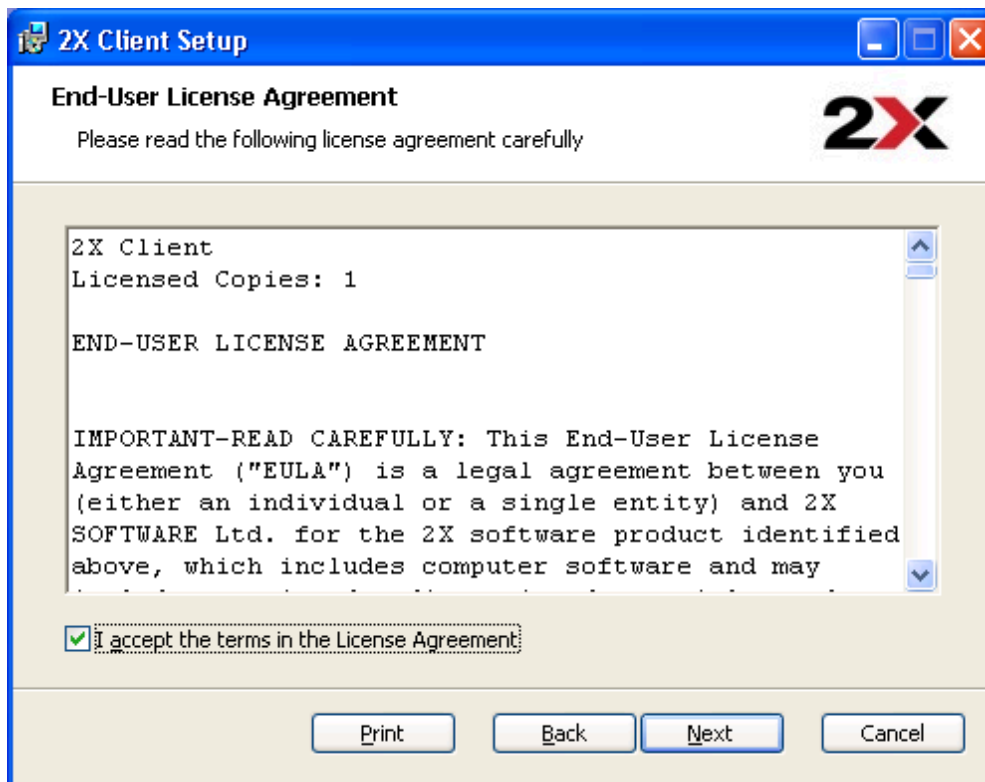


Figure 201 - The EULA.

3. Select the location where you want to install the 2X Client and click '**Next**'.

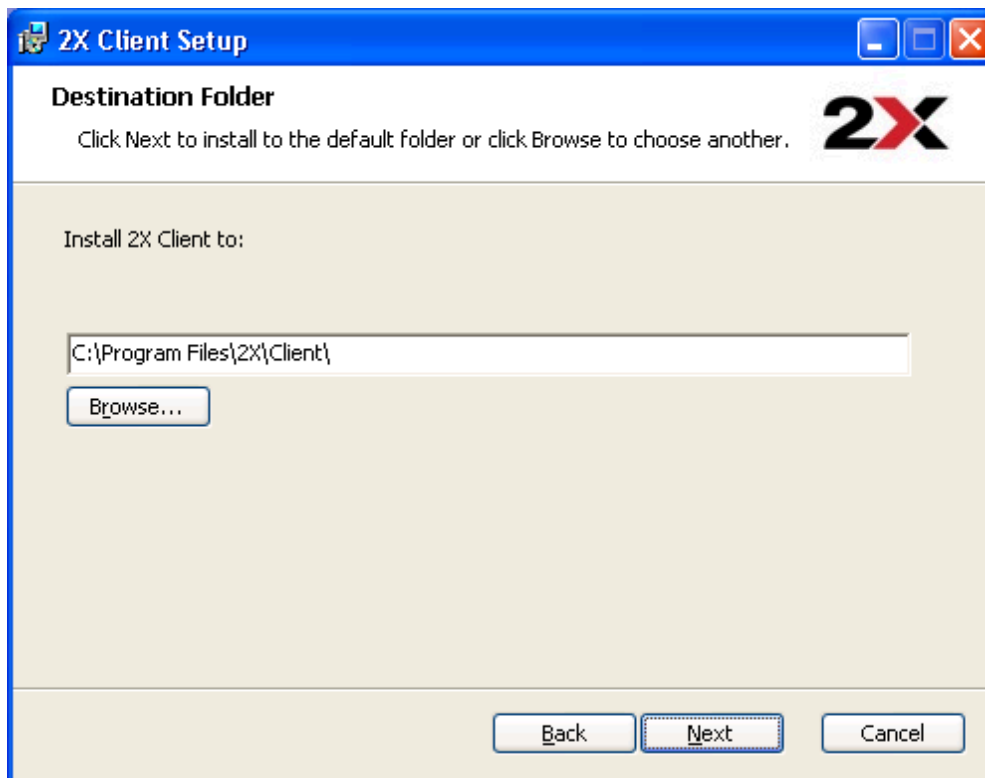


Figure 202 - Choosing the location where the 2X Client will be installed.

4. To start copying files click '**Install**'.

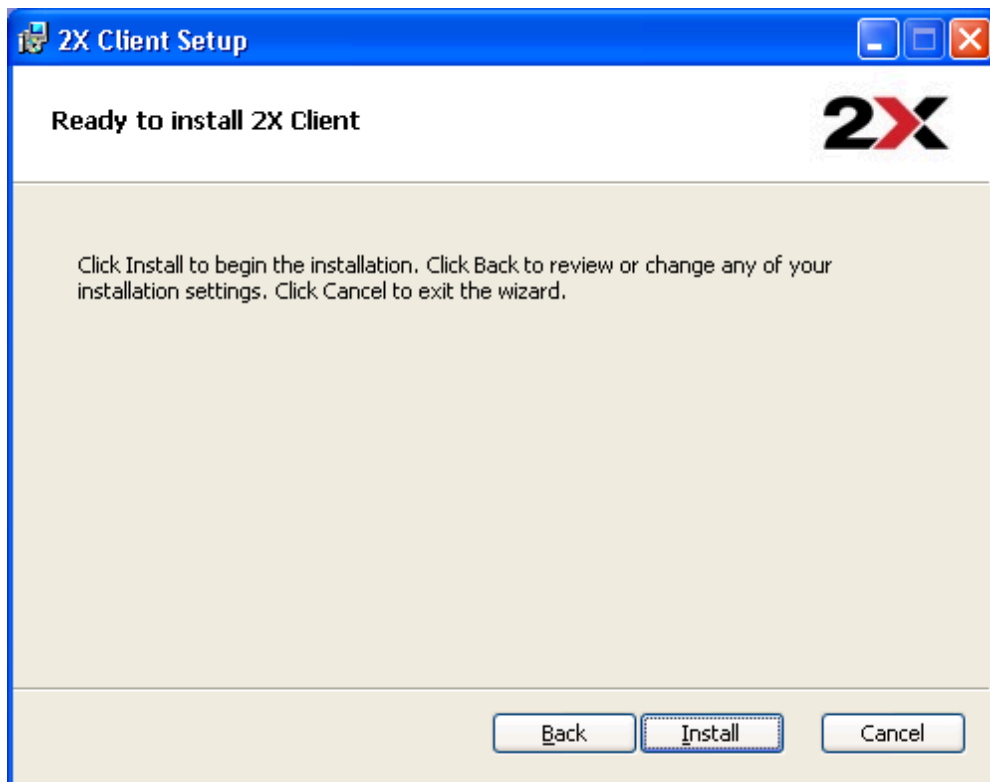


Figure 203 - Starting the installation program.

5. Click 'Yes' to install the 'Single Sign-On' component. This component will use your credentials to connect with the 2X VirtualDesktopServer.

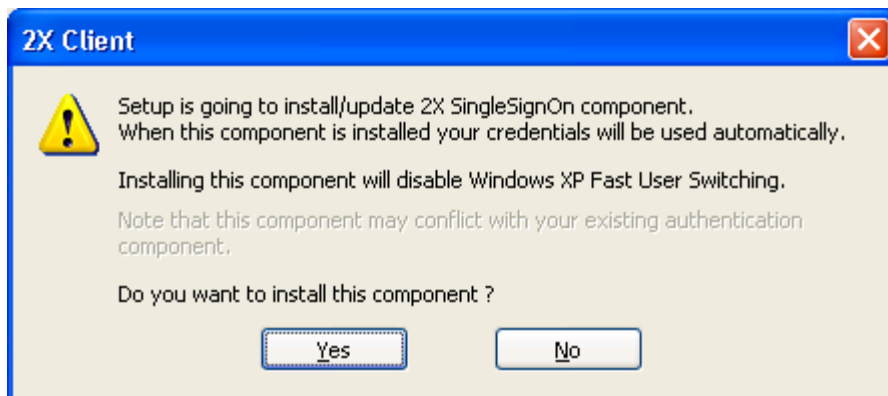


Figure 204 - Installing Single Sign-On

6. Setup will copy the required files. After finishing you will see the status screen.

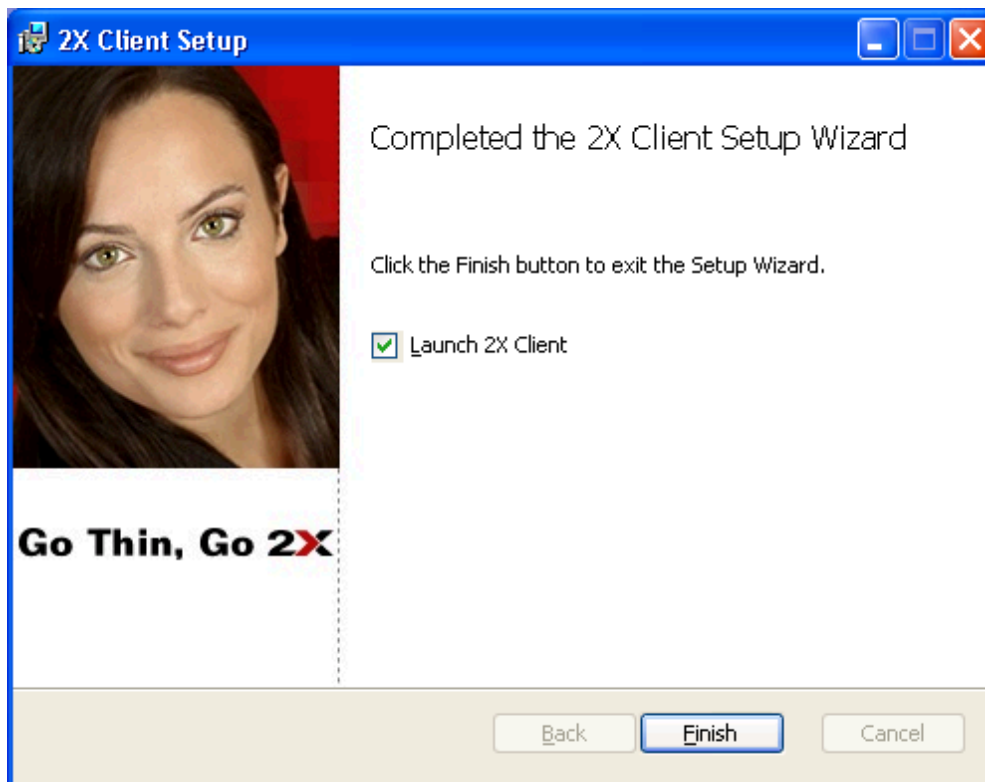


Figure 205 - Post-Installation status screen.

Installing the 2X Client silently

By using the MSI format, administrators can now deploy the 2X Client remotely by using Group Policies or any other deployment tool that accepts the MSI format. This greatly simplifies the amount of work to install the 2X Client on all remote computers and reduces the chances of user error during the installation process.

The MSI can be deployed in many different ways (Group Policies, SMS, Altiris and even a simple login script). It is not the scope of this administration guide to cover every single option available. Make sure you consult your application manual for more information about deploying MSI packages remotely.

Using Active Directory

There are two different ways that you can deploy an application through the Active Directory. You can either publish the application or you can assign the application. You can only publish applications to users, but you can assign applications to either users or to computers. The application is deployed in a different manner depending on which of these methods you use. In this case we do recommend administrators assigning the application to COMPUTERS. The main reason for that is in this case the application is actually installed the next time the computer reboots. When assigning to users, the application is not installed until the user actually clicks on the icons created for the application.

To assign an application to certain computers simply do the following on your Active Directory:

1. Open the Group Policy Editor.
2. To assign an application to a computer, navigate through the group policy console to Computer Configuration | Software Settings | Software Installation. Now, right click on the Software Installation container and select the New | Package commands from the shortcut menu. Select the appropriate MSI file and click Open. You are now asked whether you want to publish or assign the application. Select assign and click OK.

NOTE: When doing a silent installation, the MSI can be deployed using the following syntax (one single line):

```
msiexec /qn /i 2XClient.msi SERVER="X.X.X.X" BACKUPSERVER="X.X.X.X"  
SERVERPORT=Y COLORDEPTH=COLORS USERNAME="username"  
CLEARPASSWORD="UserPassword" DOMAIN="YourDomainName"
```

Detailed explanation of 2X Client options

General Settings

OVERRIDEUSERSETTINGS: To override the user settings with client MSI settings.

- 0 – Client settings are not overridden
- 1 – Client settings are overridden with the new settings of the Client MSI setup.

AUTOHIDE: Hide Launcher when application is launched

- 0 – Auto hide is disabled
- 1 – Auto hide is enabled

ALWAYSONTOP: 2X Client behavior to stay on top of other applications.

- 0 – Always on top behavior is disabled
- 1 – Always on top behavior is enabled

AUTOLAUNCH: Launch automatically at Windows startup

- 0 – Disable auto launch
- 1 – enable auto launch

CHECKUPDATELAUNCH: To enable or disable the checking of updates of client on launch.

- 0 – Do Not Check for updates on startup
- 1 – Check for updates on startup

UPDATECLIENTXML: The URL which contains information about the latest 2X Client.

VIEWMODE: The mode in which to view the listed applications.

- 0 – Icons View
- 1 – Details View
- 2 – Tile List View
- 3 – List View
- 4 – Tile View

DNSLBENABLED: To enable DNS load balancing if the 2X Client Gateway specified on the client has more than one IP assigned for the same host.

For example in such a case where the host name 'roundrobinhost.company' is configured with the following IP addresses '192.168.0.5; 192.168.0.6; 192.168.0.7', the 2X Client will use a different IP each time it makes a new connection if this option is enabled.

- 0 – Disabled
- 1 – Enabled

CONNTIMEOUT: The amount of time before the client time out the connection if a connection is not successful. The default setting is 20 seconds and the option can be increased for connections with high latency.

SSLNOWARNING: Do not warn if server certificate is not verified.

- 0 – Display warning message
- 1 – Do not display warning message

IGNORERESCHECK: Option to ignore the resolution check.

- 0 – Disabled
- 1 – Enabled

DISABLEOPTIONS: To disable the Options button and hide the options to configure the client settings. This option can be applied to users without administrative rights.

- 0 – Options are enabled
- 1 – Options are disabled

DISABLEOPTIONSADMIN: To disable the Options button and hide the options to configure the client settings. This option can be applied to users with administrative rights.

DISABLESAVEPASSWORDADMIN: To disable the clients from saving the password even if they have administrative rights.

- 0 – Option to save password is enabled
- 1 – Option to save Password is disabled

DISABLESAVEPASSWORD: To disable the clients from saving the password. This option is ignored with users with administrative rights.

- 0 – Option to save password is enabled
- 1 – Option to save Password is disabled

SHOWFOLDERS: Show Folders page.

- 0 – Do not show Folders page
- 1 – Show Folders page

LANGUAGE: Specify the language.

- 0 – Default Language
- 1 – English
- 2 – German
- 3 – Japanese
- 4 – Russian

DONTPROMPTAUTOADDFARM: Don't Show prompt message when adding auto farms.

- 0 – Show prompt messages
- 1 – Do not show prompt messages

AUTOADDFARM: Add farm automatically when starting web or shortcut items.

- 0 – Do not add farm automatically
- 1 – Add farm automatically

MINIMIZETOTRAYONCLOSE: Minimize to tray on close or escape.

- 0 – Close 2X Client
- 1 – Minimize 2X Client to tray

AUTOREFRESHFARMS: Option to automatically refresh the farms listed in the client.

- 0 – Do not automatically refresh farms
- 1 – Automatically refresh farms

AUTOREFRESHTIMER: The time taken to refresh the farms if the 'AUTOREFRESHFARMS' is enabled. The time should be specified in minutes and default value is 60 minutes.

PRINTFORMAT: Format of printing data.

- 0 - PDF
- 1 – EMF
- 2 – BMP

PRINTOPTION: Default client settings on client for 2X Universal Printing.

- 0 - Print to default printer
- 1 – Select printer before printing
- 2 – Use printer specified in the 'PRINTERNAME' field
- 3 – View document to print

PRINTERNAME: String value of the default printer to be used.

PRINTREVERSE: Start printing from the last page.

- 0 – Disable printing in reverse
- 1 – Enable printing in reverse

PRINTONBOTHSIDES: Print on both sides of the page.

- 0 – Replace
- 1 – Flip the page on its y-axis
- 2 – Flip the page on its x-axis

PRINTHWMARGINS: Print using margins

- 0 – Fit to page
- 1 – Preferred dimensions
- 2 – Fit with dimensions

TUXGINA: Exclude/Include SSO during a silent installation

- 0 – Install SSO
- 1 – Exclude SSO

- 2 – Prompt during installation

Farm Settings - Connection

CONNECTIONMODE: Connection Mode Settings.

- 0 - Regular Gateway
- 1 - Direct Mode
- 2 - SSL Mode

SERVERPORT: TCP port number in use for the 2X VirtualDesktopServer application list retrieval. You must enter the number in use. E.g. 80.

SAVEPASSWORD: To save password in the logon options

- 0 – Do not save Password
- 1 – Save Password

ENABLEAUTOLOGON:

- 0 – Auto Logon disabled
- 1 – Auto Logon enabled

SSO: To enable Single Sign-On

- 0 – Do not use System Credentials (SSO)
- 1 – Use System Credentials (SSO)

SERVER: IP address or name of the 2X VirtualDesktopServer [the location of 2X client Gateway Service].

BACKUPSERVER: IP address or name of a secondary 2X VirtualDesktopServer. (2X Client Gateway Service).

ALIAS: Create rename Alias for UI purpose

USERNAME2X: The username to be used when logging in to your terminal servers and the username to retrieve the list of applications.

DOMAIN: The domain name used for authentication.

Farm Settings – Advanced Settings

USECLIENTCOLORS: Use client system colors.

- **0** - Do Not Redirect Client Colors
- **1** - Redirect Client Colors

USECLIENTSETTINGS: Use client system settings (border size, fonts, etc).

- **0** – Do not redirect system settings
- **1** – Redirect Client System settings

CREATESHORTCUTS: Create shortcuts configured on server

- **0** – Do not create shortcuts configured on server
- **1** – Create shortcuts configured on server

REGISTEREXT: Register file extensions associated from the server

- **0** – Disable registration of file extensions associated from the server
- **1** – Enable registration of file extensions associated from the server

URLREDIRECTION: Redirect URLs to client

- **0** – Do not redirect URL to clients
- **1** – Redirect URL to clients

MAILREDIRECTION: Redirect MAIL to client

- **0** – Do not redirect MAIL to clients
- **1** – Redirect MAIL to clients

ENABLERECONNECTION: Reconnect if connection drops

- **0** – Do not connect
- **1** – Reconnect

SMARTSIZING: Enable desktop smart sizing.

- **0** – Disable Smart Sizing
- **1** – Enable Smart Sizing

SPANDESKTOPS: Span Published desktops on all monitors.

- **0** – Do not span desktops on all monitors
- **1** – Span desktops on all monitors

USEPRIMARYMONITOR: Start published applications in the primary monitor

- **0** – Do not use the primary monitor
- **1** – Use the primary monitor

EMBEDDESKTOP: Embed Terminal Server Connection inside the client

- **0** – Do not embed desktop
- **1** – Embed desktop

OVERRIDECOMPUTERNAME: The name that the computer will use during a Terminal Server session

Farm Settings – Local Resources

KEYBOARD: Where to apply key combinations.

- 0 – On the local Computer
- 1 – On the remote Computer
- 2 – In full screen mode only

AUDIOMODE: Options for Remote computer sound.

- 0 - Bring to this computer
- 1 - Do not play
- 2 - Leave at remote computer

REDIRECTCOMPORTS: To redirect local serial ports on to the remote computer.

- 0 – Redirect Serial Ports OFF
- 1 – Redirect Serial Ports ON

REDIRECTDRIVES: To redirect local disk drives on to the remote computer.

- 0 – Redirect drivers OFF
- 1 – Redirect drivers ON

REDIRECTPRINTERS: To redirect local printers on to the remote computer.

- 0 – Printer redirection OFF
- 1 – Printer redirection ON

REDIRECTSMARTCARDS: To redirect smart cards on to the remote computer

- 0 – Smart Card redirection OFF
- 1 – Smart Card redirection ON

COLORDEPTH: The number of color bits to be used.

- 0 - 256 colors
- 1 - High Color 15bit
- 2 - High Color 16bit
- 3 - True Color 24bit

Farm Settings – Experience

EXP_DESKTOPBG: Desktop background

- 0 – Disable
- 1 – Enable

EXP_FONTSMOOTHING: Font smoothing

- 0 – Disable
- 1 – Enable

EXP_WINDOWMENUANIMATION: Menu and window animation

- 0 – Disable
- 1 – Enable

EXP_DESKTOPCOMPOSITION: Desktop composition

- 0 – Disable
- 1 – Enable

EXP_SHOWCONTENT: Show contents of Windows while dragging

- 0 – Disable
- 1 – Enable

EXP_THEMES: Themes

- 0 – Disable
- 1 – Enable

EXP_BMPCACHING: Bitmap caching

- 0 – Disable
- 1 – Enable

Farm Settings – Proxy

PROX_USERNAME: Proxy credential details

PROX_HOST: Proxy hostname

PROX_PORT: Proxy port

PROX_TYPE: Proxy type can be one of the following:

- 0 – SOCKS4
- 1 – SOCKS4A
- 2 – SOCKS5
- 3 – HTTP 1.1

PROX_USEPROXYSERVER: Enable if you want to use proxy

- 0 – Disable
- 1 – Enable

PROX_USEAUTHEN: If proxy type is HTTP1.1 or SOCKS5, user can enable authentication.

- 0 – Disable
- 1 – Enable

CLEARPROXYPASSWORD: Clear password for the user. When the client is launched for the first time, the password will be encrypted and saved.

CLEARPASSWORD: Clear password for the user. When the client is launched for the first time, the password will be encrypted and saved.

NOTE: If using Group Policies to deploy the 2X Client, you will need to edit the MSI in order to pre-configure some of the settings you may want to change like the server IP address and port. To do this we recommend using Microsoft ORCA, a free utility that is part of the Windows Platform SDK. Alternatively you can download it from <http://astebner.sts.winisp.net/Tools/Orca.zip>.

Now click on 'Property' and type in the name of the property you want to add. After adding the property, click on 'Value' and type the value you want. Make sure you enter the right property name and its value. Once you finish click **Ok**.

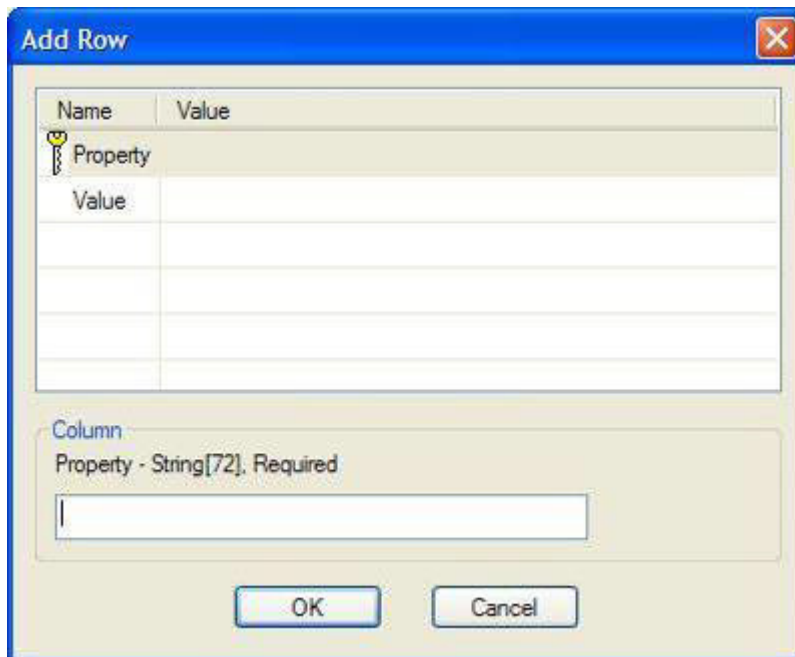


Figure 207 - Adding a new property/value.

After adding all the properties you want simply go to File | Save As... and type a new name for your customized MSI file. This file can now be used with Active Directory to perform a completely silent and automated installation.

NOTE: Make sure that you enable "Copy embedded streams during 'Save As'" in Orca Database Options.

USING 2X CLIENT FOR WINDOWS

Introduction

After you have installed the 2X Client, you can now launch the 2X Client to access your published applications.

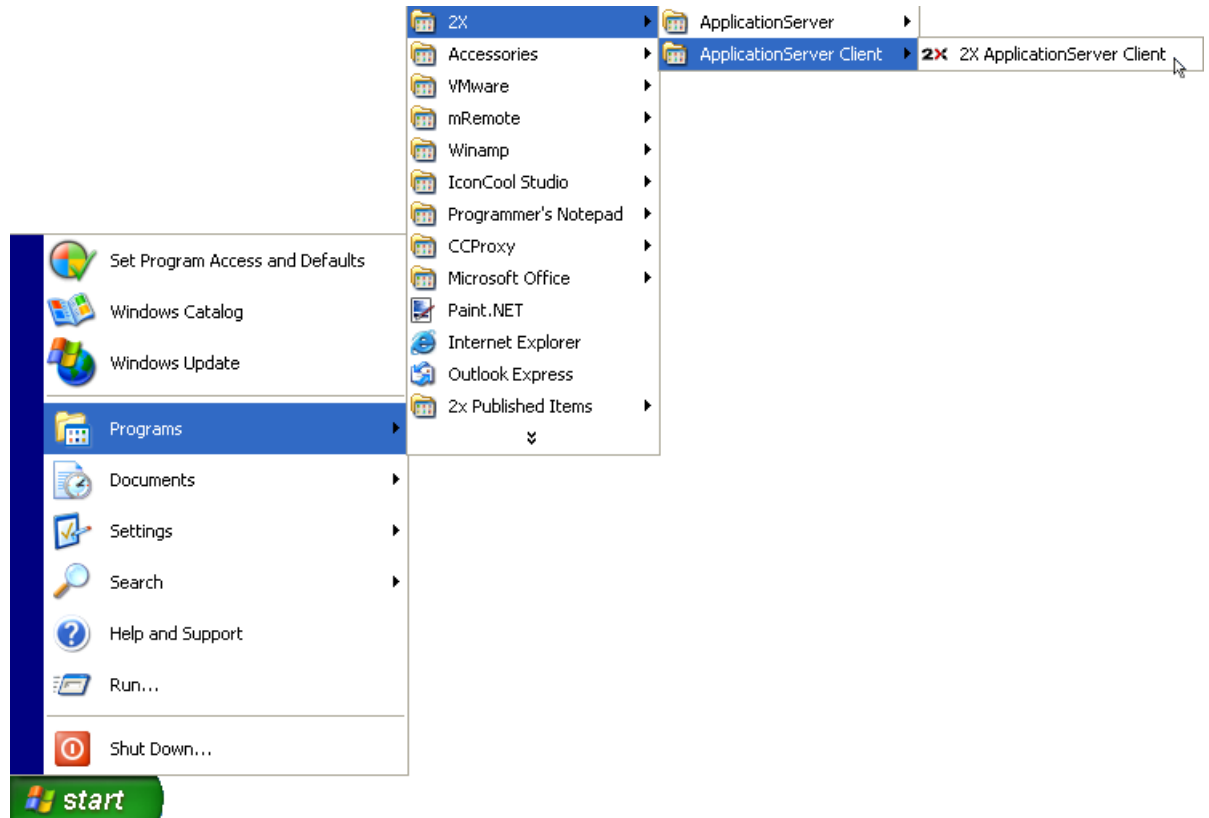


Figure 208 - Launching the 2X Client

To open the 2X Client:

1. Start > [All] Programs > 2X > 2X Client > 2X Client

Configuring 2X Client for Windows

When launching the 2X Client you will be prompted to configure a new 2X Connection. Please refer to the '2X Connection' section below for more information about how to setup a new 2X Connection

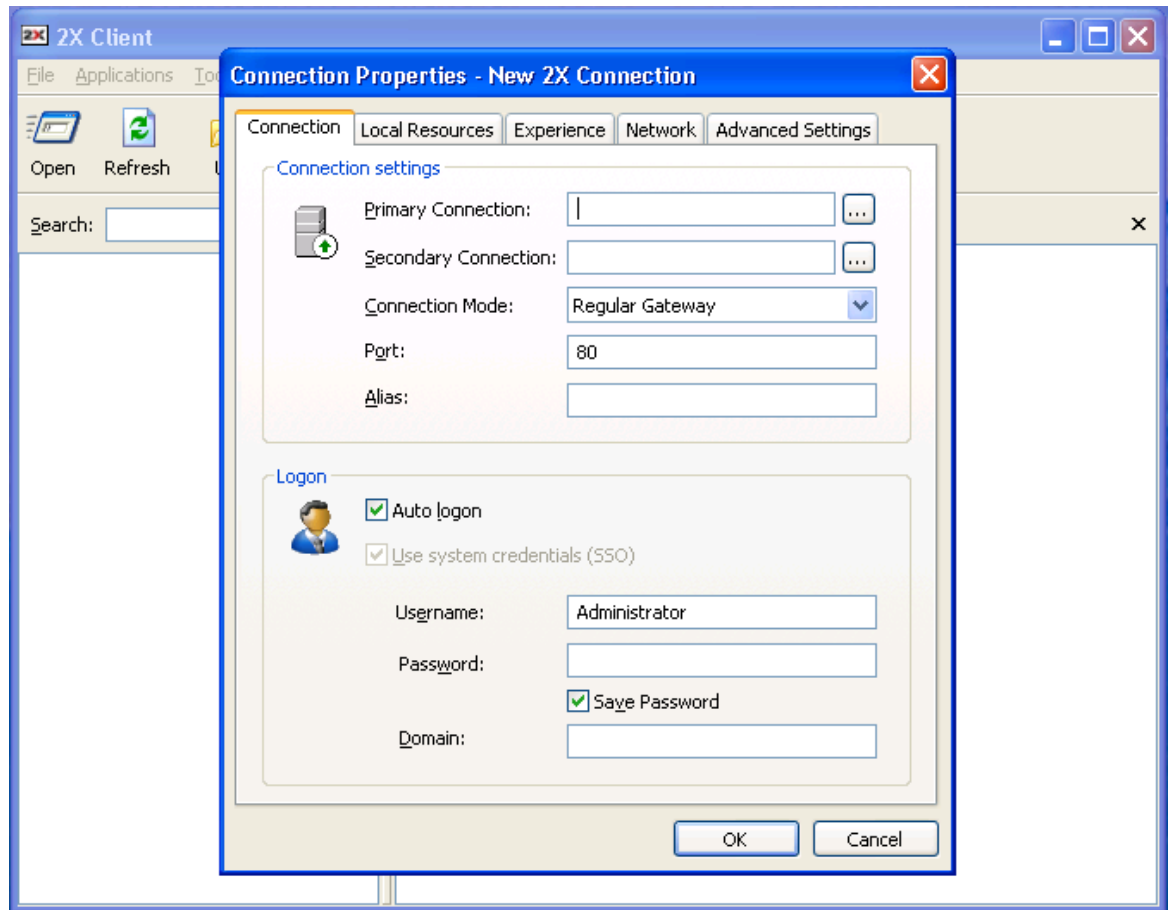


Figure 209 - 2X Client Initial Screen.

2X Client for Windows is able to connect with multiple farms where farms is a common term used in remote session computing to refer to a group of Terminal Servers. A 2X Farm consists of a 2X Publishing Agent joined with one or more 2X Terminal Server Agents.

One or more 2X Client Gateway can be used to expose the 2X Farm. To add a new farm in the 2X Client, one should use the hostname or IP where the 2X Client Gateway Service is installed.

2X Connections

The first thing you must do is to add a new 2X Connection, by clicking 'File' and select 'Add New 2X Connection...' or right click on '2X Connections' and click 'Add New 2X Connection...'.

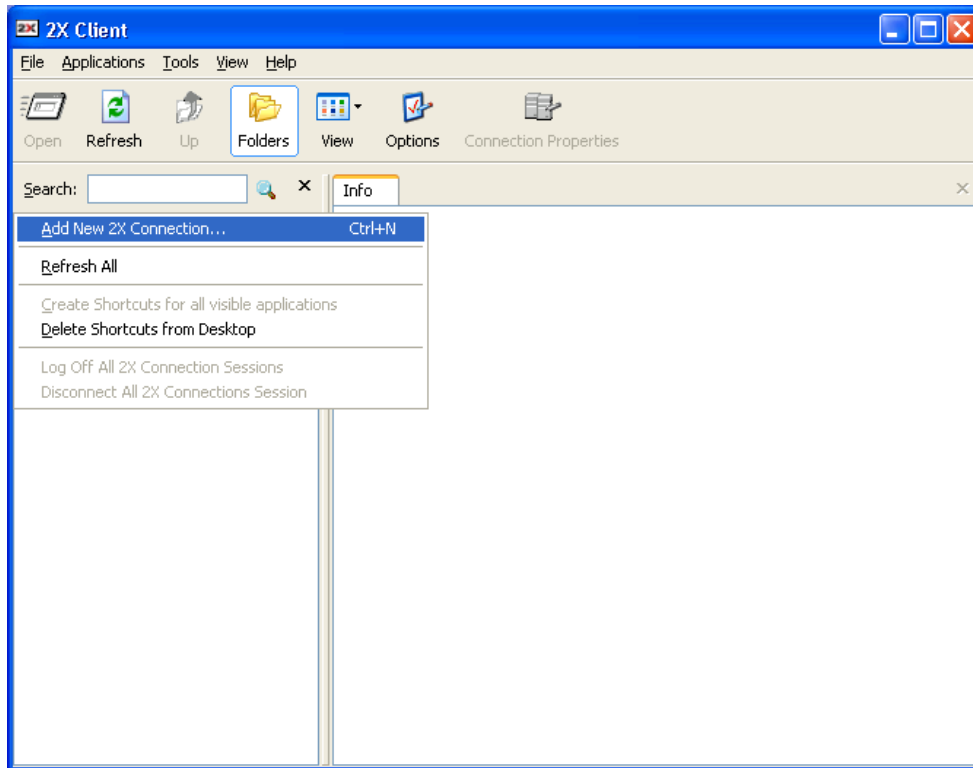


Figure 210 - 2X Client – Add New 2X Connection.

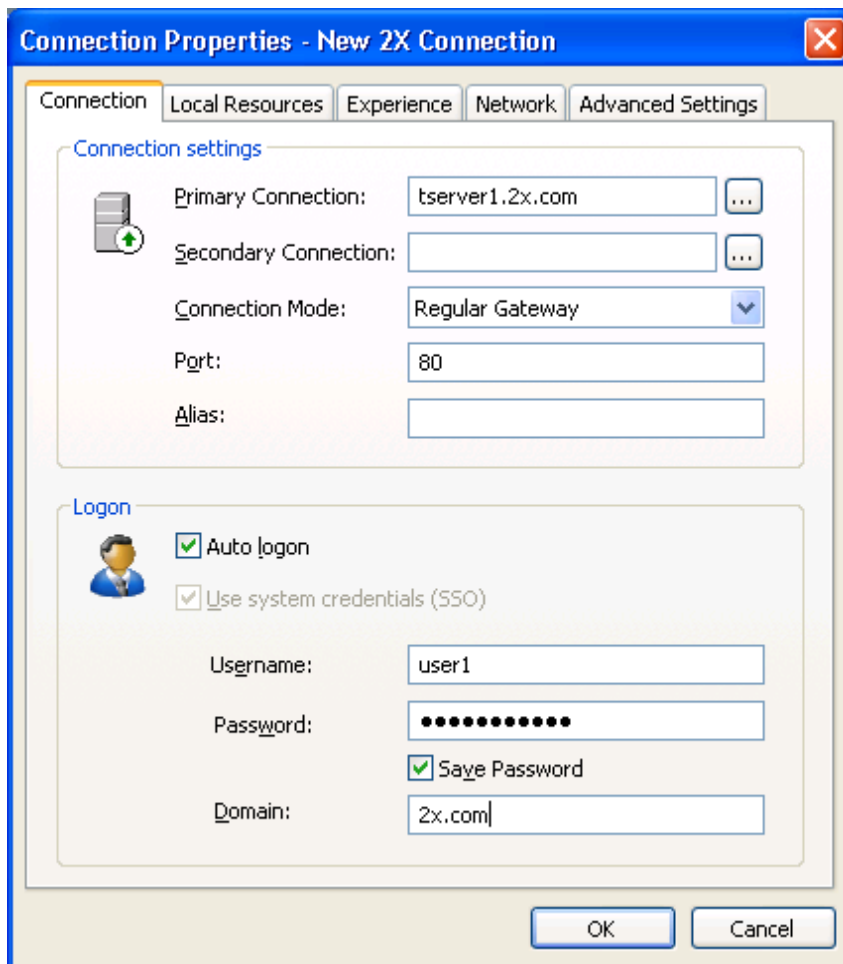


Figure 211 - 2X Client – 2X Connection Properties – Connection tab.

Connection Settings

In the Connection Settings area, enter the Primary Server name or IP. This should be the name or IP where the 2X Client Gateway resides.

If your administrator enabled 'Broadcast 2X Client Gateway Address' option on the server, you can click on the browse button '...' and you should see the available 2X Connection/s in your area. If you do not see any 2X Connections, simply ask your administrator for the application server IP and port and add this information manually. You can also add a Secondary Server, in case a backup 2X Client Gateway is available.

The Client may choose the connection mode and has three ways to connect.

In **Regular Gateway** mode the Clients are connected with the 2X Client Gateway and another connection is made between the 2X Client Gateway and the Terminal Servers.

In **Direct mode** connection the Clients first ask the 2X LoadBalancer for the best available Terminal Server and then connect directly with the Terminal Server.

In **SSL mode**, the connection is done as in the regular gateway mode but the connection is encrypted.

NOTE: In order to connect through the 2X Client Gateway you just need to set the port number that was configured on the Client Gateway Port in the Connection Settings Page. (Default Gateway Port 80)

Logon

Enable '**Auto Logon**' to enable the 2X Client connect automatically instead of displaying the logon page every time you need to access the 2X Connection.

Use System Credentials (SSO) – To use the local current system credentials when connecting with that particular 2X Connection enable 'Use System Credentials (SSO)'. When you enable this option, you'll automatically log-in when connecting with the 2X Client Gateway and the Terminal Servers. Please note that you need to choose to install this module while installing the 2X Client to be able to use the SSO.

On the 'Logon' section, enter your username, password and domain to be used when retrieving your published applications. This information is saved, encrypted, locally under the HKCU hive.

Local Resources

In case you want to configure how local resources are handled by the terminal server, simply click on the 'Local Resources' tab and select the options you want (these are the same options available with the regular Microsoft RDP Client).

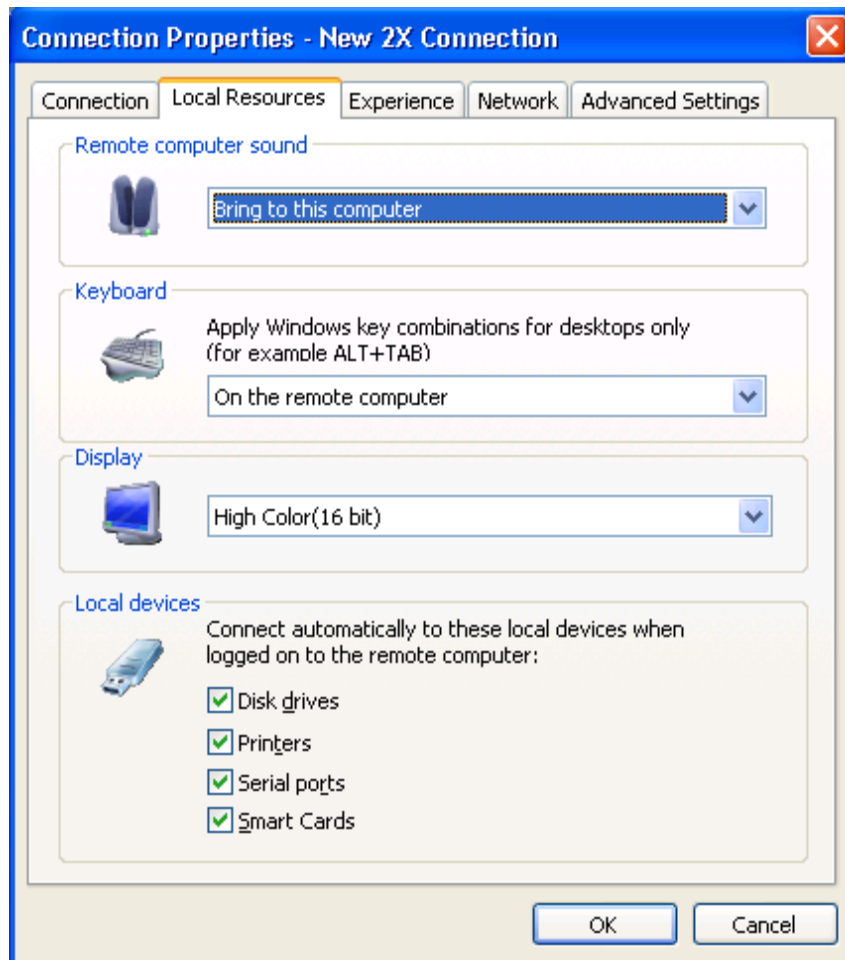


Figure 212 - 2X Client – 2X Connection Properties – Local Resources tab.

Experience

The experience tab allows you to tweak the connection speed to optimize the performance of the connection with the remote host.

If you are using a connection to a remote computer in a local network that runs at 100mbit or up, it is usually safe to have all of the experience options turned on.

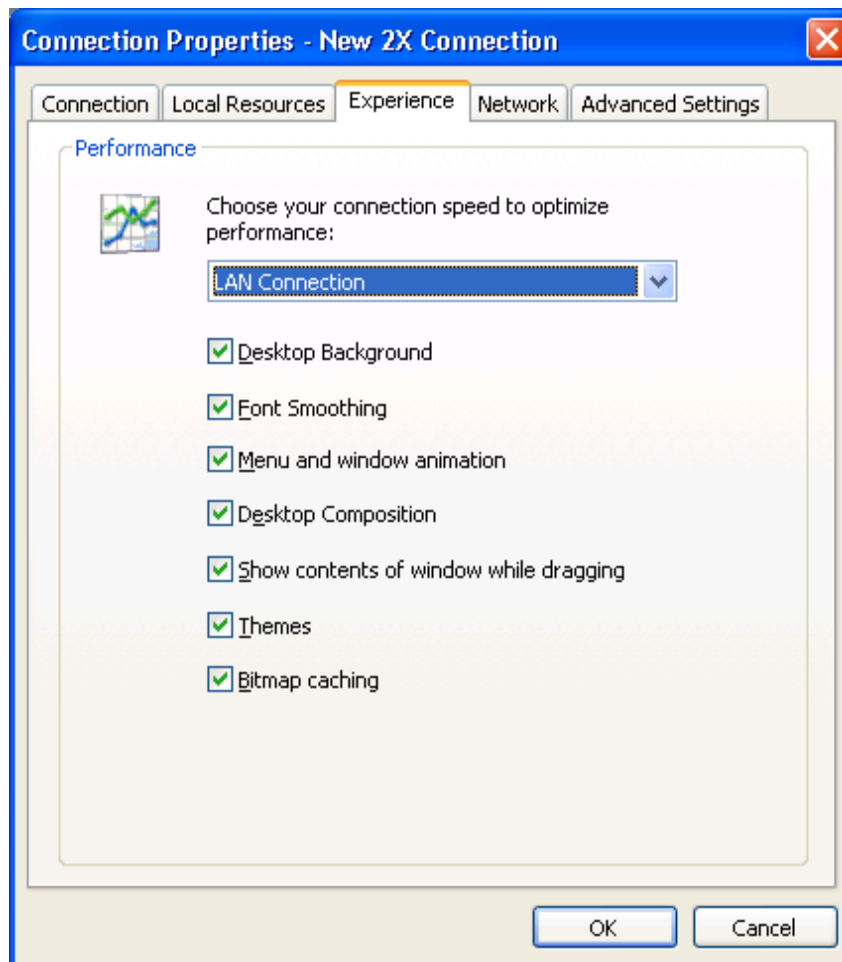


Figure 213 - 2X Client – 2X Connection Properties – Experience tab.

Network

In the Network Tab you may configure network settings to be able to connect to 2X VirtualDesktopServer using a proxy.

To be able to connect to a Proxy Server, check the Use Proxy Server checkbox. The following are different proxy connection types that can be used:

SOCKS4 – Enable this option to transparently use the service of a network firewall.

SOCKS4A – Enable this option to allow a client that cannot connect to resolve the destination host's name to specify it.

SOCKS5 – Enable this option to be able to connect using authentication.

HTTP 1.1 – Enable this option to connect using standard HTTP 1.1 protocol connections.

After selecting a connection type, the Proxy Host (domain name or IP Address) and port number have to be specified.

For SOCKS5 and HTTP 1.1 connections, authentication has to be enabled, check the Proxy Requires Authentication checkbox, and type in user credentials. Check 'Use user logon credentials' to use the user logon credentials when authenticating with the proxy server.

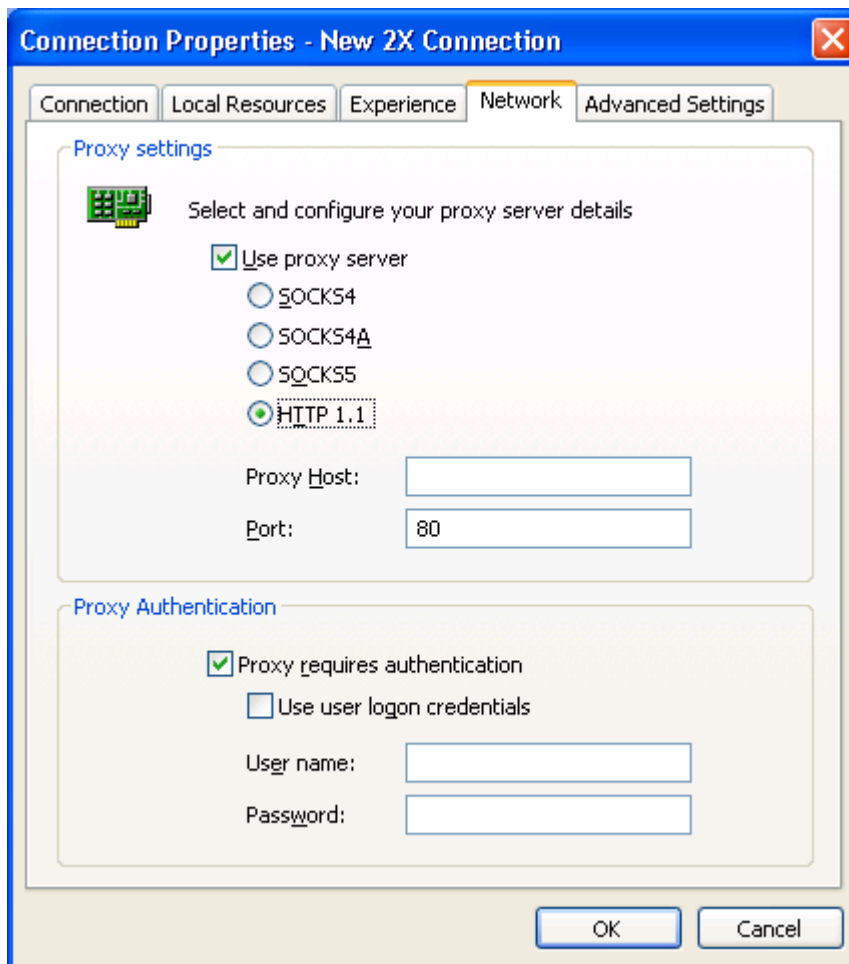


Figure 214 - 2X Client – 2X Connection Properties – Network tab.

Advanced Settings

Use Client System Colors - Enable this option to use the client system Colors instead those specified on the Terminal Server.

Use Client System Settings – Enable this option to use the client system settings instead those specified on the Terminal Server.

Create shortcuts configured on server – For each published application, the administrator can configure shortcuts on the clients desktop and start menu folder. With this option one can choose to have or not to have these shortcuts.

Register file extensions associated form the server – For each published application, the administrator can associate certain file extensions. With this option the client can choose to register or not these file extensions.

Redirect URLs to client - Enable this option to use the local web browser when opening 'http:' links.

Redirect Mail to client – Enable this option to use the local mail client when opening 'mailto:' links.

Use primary monitor only for published applications – Enable this to start published applications in your primary monitor only and not have it span through all the monitors connected to your system.

Reconnect if connection is dropped – Enable this option to automatically reconnect to the Terminal Server if the connection is dropped.

Embed published desktop in Launcher – Enable this option to access the published desktop inside the 2X Client

Span desktops on all monitors – Enable this option to span the published desktops across all connected monitors.

Enable desktop smart sizing – Desktop smart sizing enables the Clients to scale the Client window display of desktop when resizing.

Override computer name will be the name that your computer will use during a Terminal Server session. If set this will override the default computer name. Any filtering set by the administrator with 2X VirtualDesktopServer will make use of the **Override computer name**.

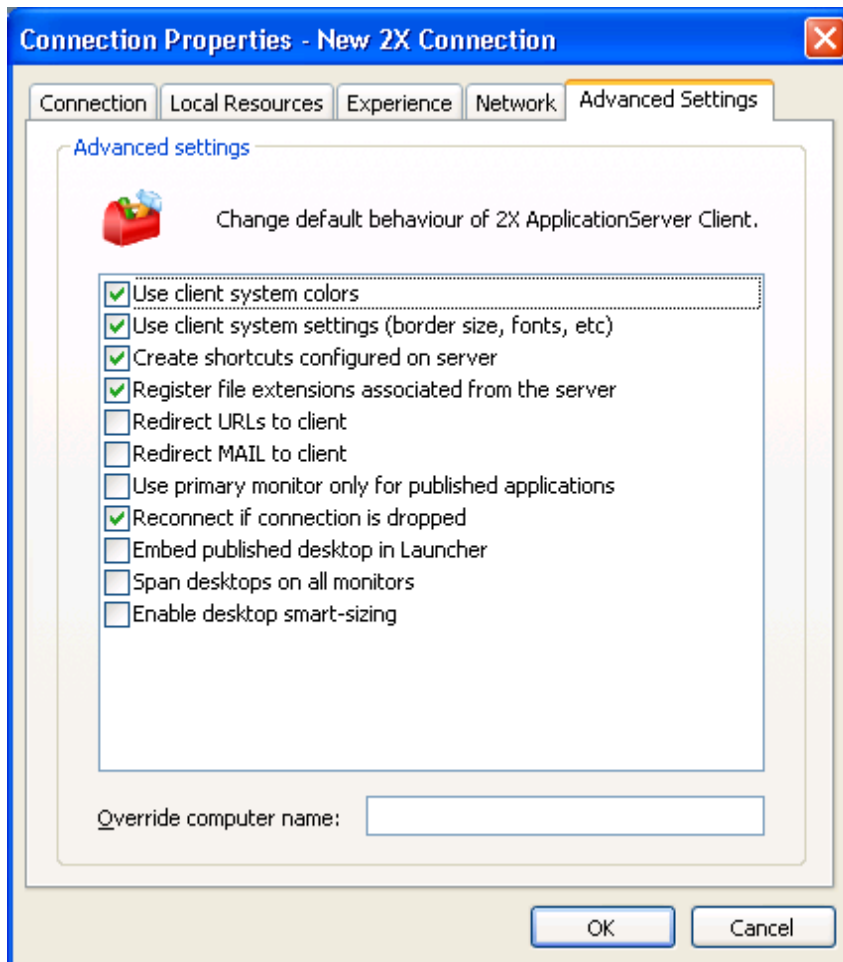


Figure 215 - 2X Client – 2X Connection Properties – Advanced Settings

2X Universal Printing

To use the 2X Universal Printing, the Clients will just have to click 'Print' while using the published application on the Terminal Server and select '2X Universal PDF Printer'.

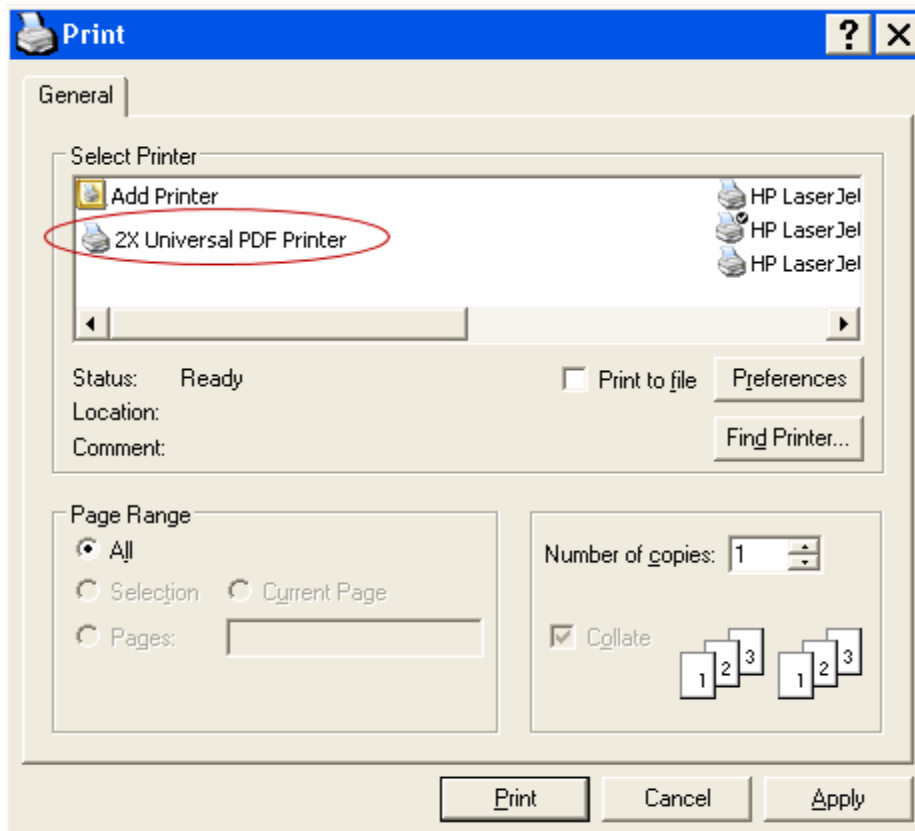


Figure 216 - Printing in a Terminal Server session using 2X Universal Printing

In the 2X Universal Printing tab the Client can configure to choose:

Print to default printer – Use the default printer on the client side.

Select printer before printing – Open the dialog to choose the printer before printing.

Use the following printer – Click on ‘...’ to select the printer and always use the selected printer when printing through the 2X Universal PDF Printer.

View document to print – Use this option to view the printed document using the default PDF viewer instead of printing.

Options

In the Options Area one can select to choose the data format output. The options are Portable Document Format (PDF), Enhanced Meta File (EMF) and Bitmap (BMP).

- PDF - Use vector format and embedded fonts.
- EMF - Use vector format and does not embed fonts but use the system fonts found on the Client.
- BMP - Bitmap images.

The following features are only available when printing using the EMF or BMP format:

Print on both sides – Use both sides of the paper when printing.

Print in reverse order – Print your documents starting from the last page.

Hardware Margins:

- **Fit to page** - Fit the print job to the paper using the printer hardware margins.
- **Preferred Dimensions** - Fit the print job excluding hardware margins (ideal for print job which has margins set).
- **Fit to dimension** - This option should be used when printing on paper with preprinted forms.

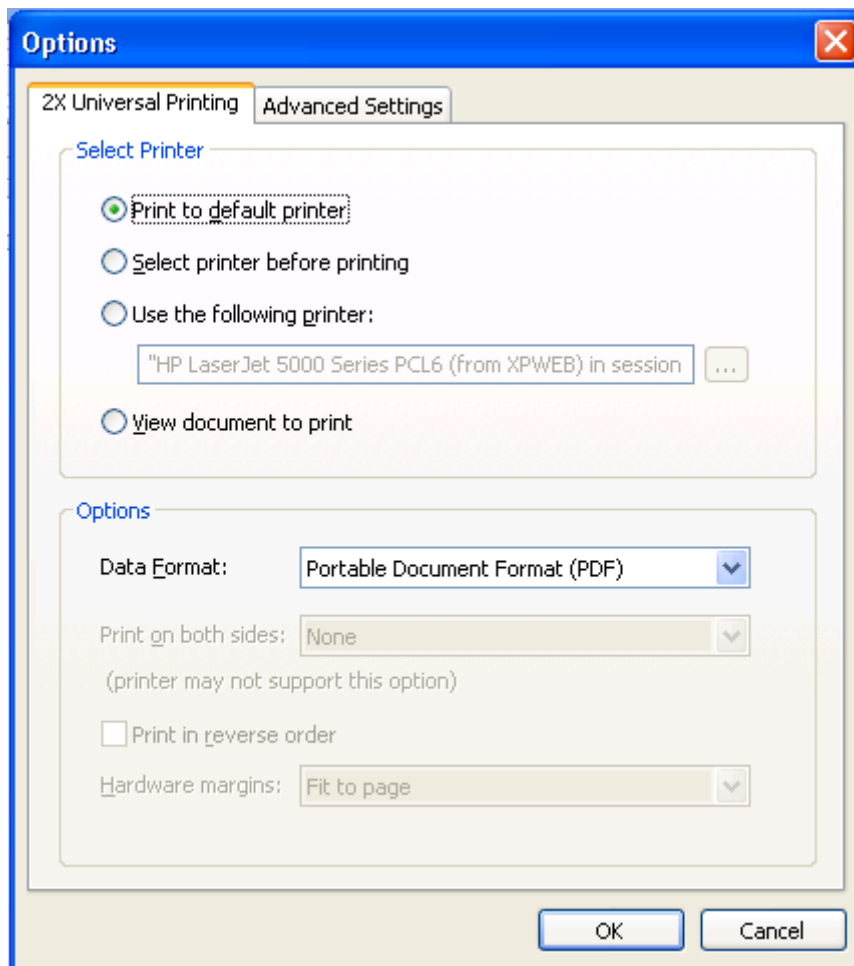


Figure 217 - 2X Client – Options – 2X Universal Printing tab

Advanced Settings

In the Advanced Settings tab, you may configure the default behavior of 2X Client.

Hide Launcher when application is launched - If this option is enabled, the launcher will get minimized in the system tray after an application is launched.

Always on Top - To enable 'Always on Top' feature, highlight the 'Always on Top' checkbox. With this feature enabled other applications will no longer mask the launcher.

Do not warn if server certificate is not verified – When connected over SSL, and the certificate is not verified a warning message will be displayed. One can disable this warning message by enabling this option.

Show folders page – To show the folders page in the 2x Client enable this option. This will show the available folders while showing the hierarchy of the application groups as configured on the server.

Minimize to tray on close or escape – Enable this feature to place the 2X Client to the System Tray when click on the close button or hit escape.

Launch automatically at Windows startup – This option will place a shortcut in the start menu folder of the Client and the 2X Client will launch automatically with the Windows startup.

Add 2X Connection automatically when starting web or shortcuts items – This option will add the preferences of the 2X Connection in the 2X Client when starting an item contained in a 2X Connection that is not yet listed.

Don't show prompt message for auto add 2X Connections – Enable this option to disable prompt messages when adding auto 2X Connections.

Auto Refresh 2X Connections – Enable this option to auto refresh each 2X Connection; hence check continuously that each 2X Connection is still alive.

Clear session cookies on exit – When a user logs on, a 2X VirtualDesktopServer logon cookie is kept. This will allow the user to connect again with 2X VirtualDesktopServer without re-authenticating. Check this option to delete any cookies when the user closes the 2X Client.

Check for updates on startup (Administrators only) – This option is available only with administrative rights. On the startup of the 2X Client, it will check for any available updates of the Client.

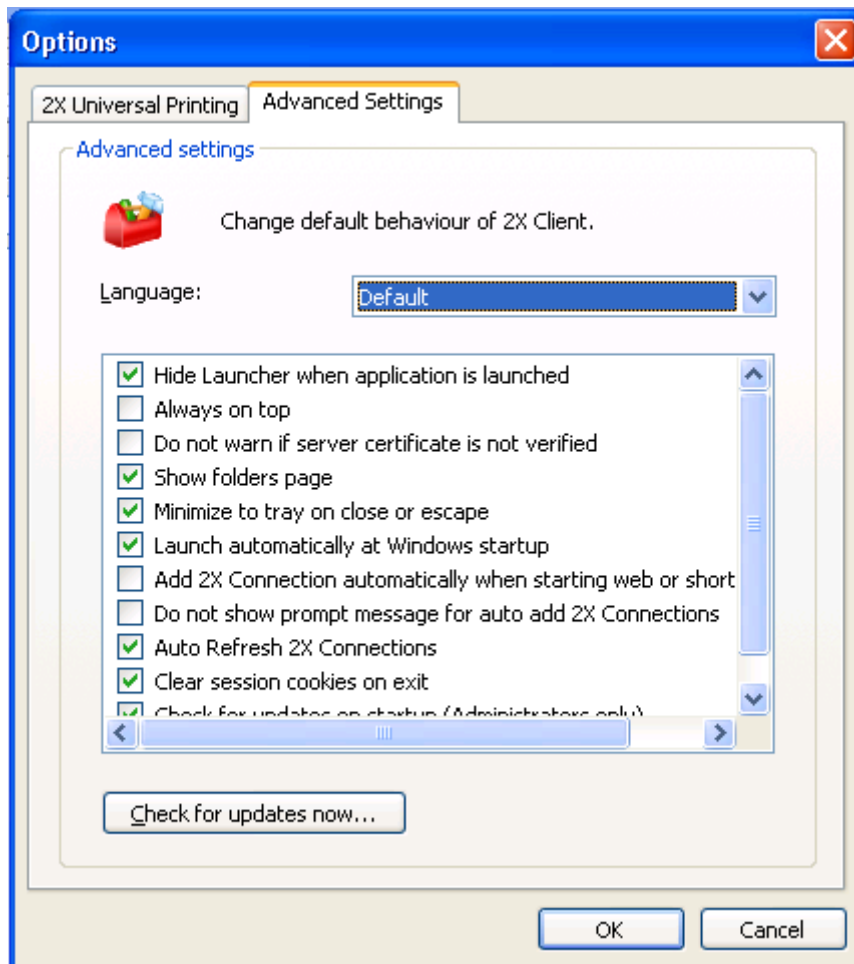


Figure 218 - 2X Client – Options – Advanced Settings tab.

In the Advanced Settings tab click '**Check for updates now ...**' to check if there are any available updates for 2X Client. If there are updates available one can click '**Update**' which will download the latest setup and install the Client or click '**Download**' which will download the latest setup to a specified location.

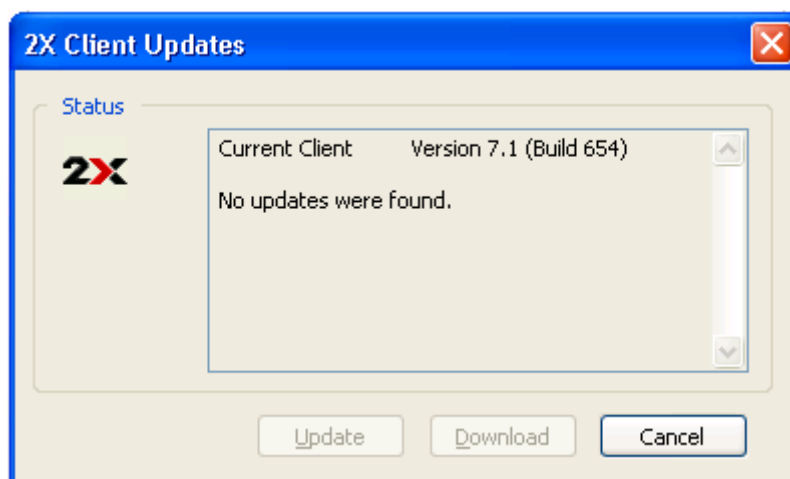


Figure 219 - 2X Client updates

Listing of Published Applications

After configuring the 2X Client simply click 'OK'. If you entered a valid username and password and the server IP address and port are correct, you should see the list of published applications available to your username/computer/IP address on the main window.

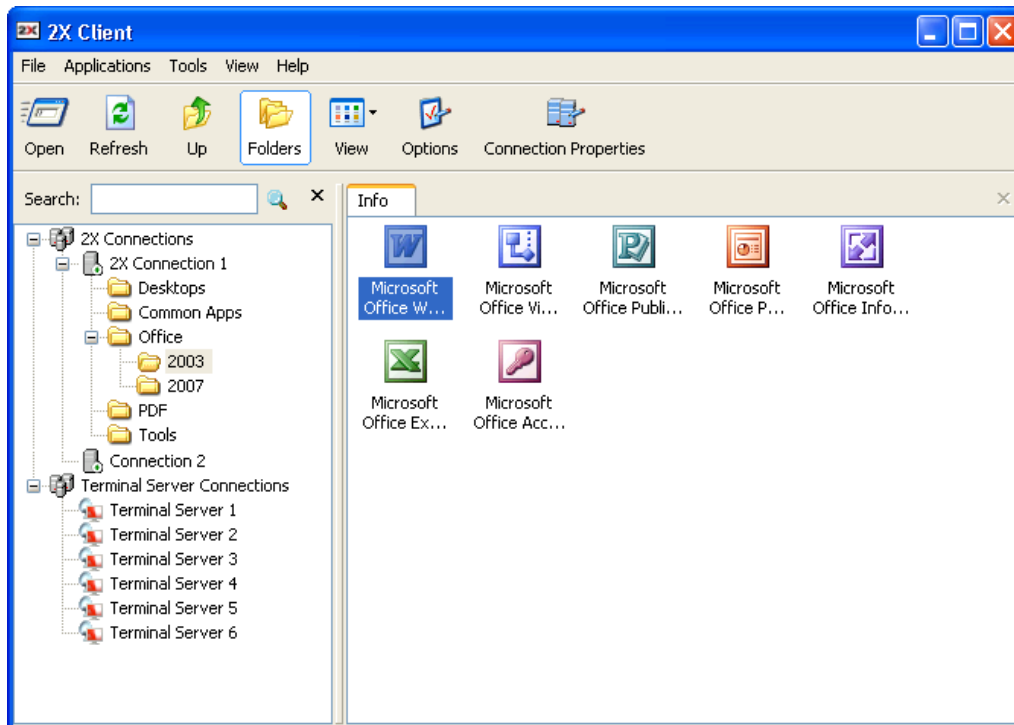


Figure 220 - 2X Client main window with published applications.

If you want to create shortcuts for your published applications on your local desktop computer, simply right click an application and select 'Create shortcut'. A shortcut for that application will be placed on your desktop.

NOTE: The 2X Client uses the Microsoft RDP protocol when connecting to your terminal servers. This means it fully supports all the features supported by the RDP 5.2 specifications at the time of writing. In case some of these do not work as expected, try launching the regular Microsoft RDP Client and connect to your terminal servers to see if they work or not. If they work as expected but do not work when using the 2X Client, please contact our technical support as explained on the 'Troubleshooting' section of this manual.

Terminal Server Connection

2X Client is able to connect to multiple Terminal Server Desktops using an RDP connection. To connect to a desktop click 'File' and select 'Add New Terminal Server Connection...'

Connection

Connection settings

In the Connection settings area, type the Primary Connection name or IP. This should be the name or IP of the desktop you want to connect to. The 'Alias' will give the connection a display name for better readability.

NOTE: In order to connect through the 2X Client Gateway you just need to set the Port number that was configured on the Client Gateway Port in the Connection Settings Page. (Default Gateway Port 80)

Logon

Enable '**Auto Login**' to automatically log into the remote desktop when accessing it

Use System Credentials (SSO) – To use the local current system credentials when connecting with that particular 2X Connection enable 'Use System Credentials (SSO)'. When you enable this option, you'll automatically automate the log-in process when connecting with the 2X Client Gateway and the Terminal Servers. Please note that you need to choose to install this module while installing the 2X Client to be able to use the SSO.

On the 'Logon' section, enter your username, password and domain to be used when retrieving your published applications. This information is saved, encrypted, locally under the HKCU hive.

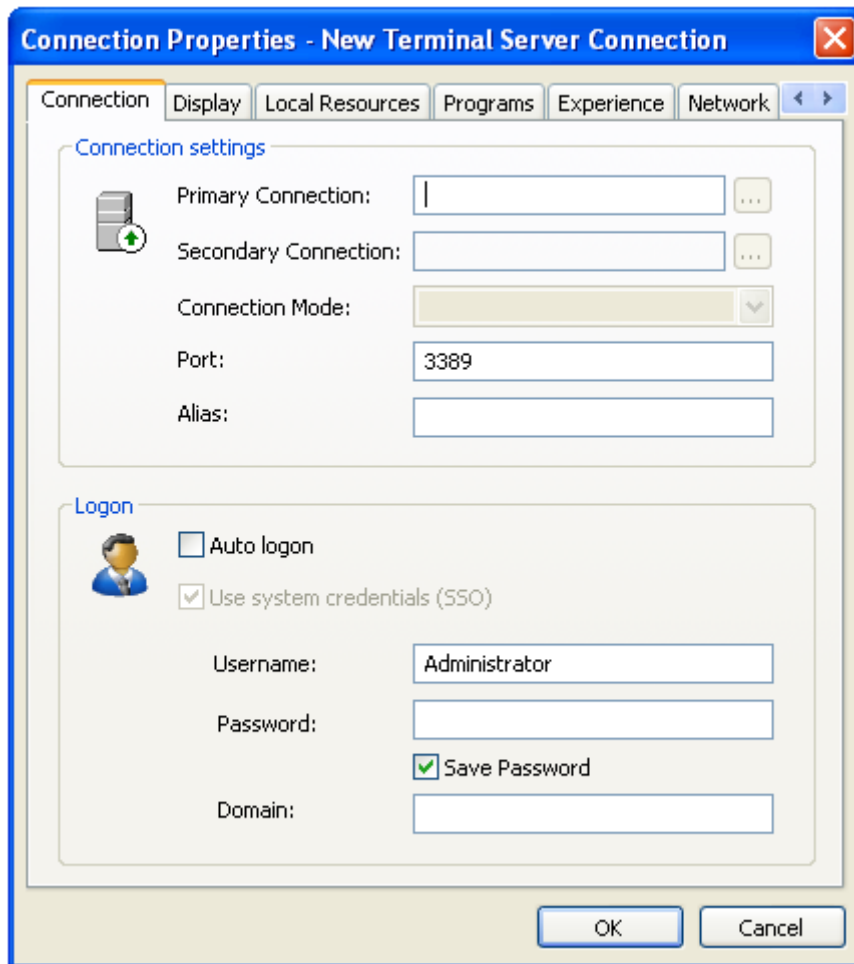


Figure 221 - 2X Client – Connection Properties – Connection Properties

Display

Remote desktop size

Select your preferred resolution by selecting one of the options from the drop down list. You can set the connection to use the available area, a predefined resolution, full screen or a custom resolution. If you select 'Custom' you will have to enter the width and the height in the enabled text boxes.

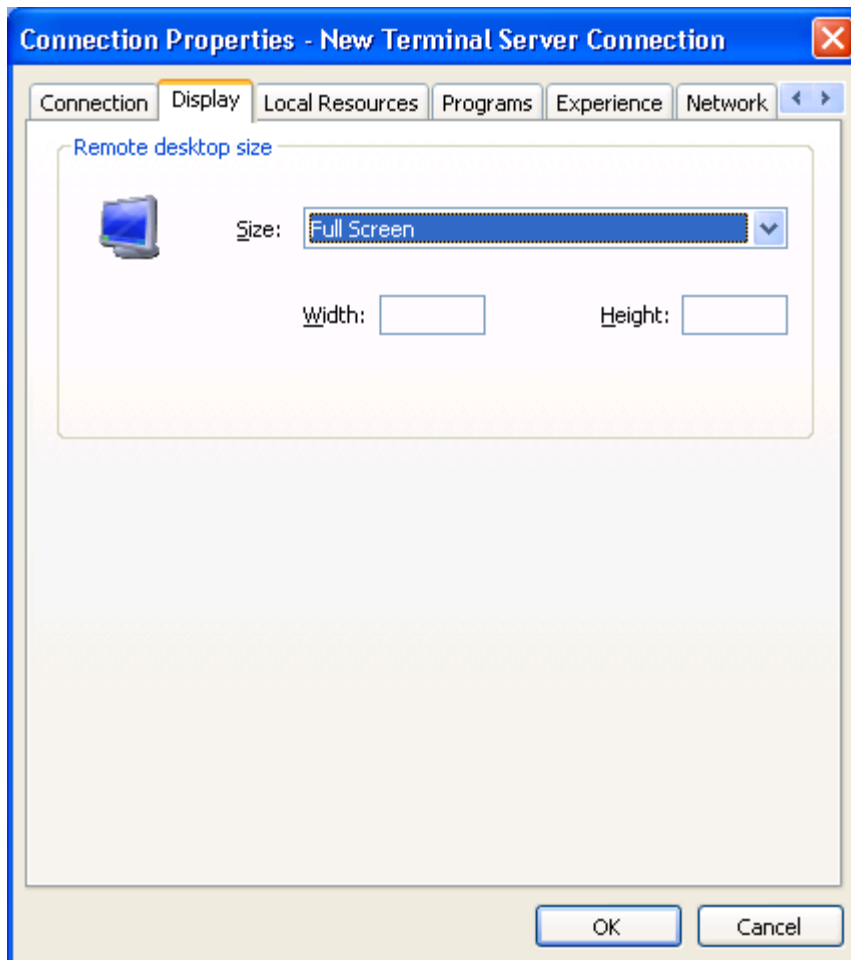


Figure 222 - 2X Client – Connection Properties – Display

Local Resources

In case you want to configure how local resources are handled by the terminal server, simply click on the 'Local Resources' tab and select the options you want (these are the same options available with the regular Microsoft RDP Client).

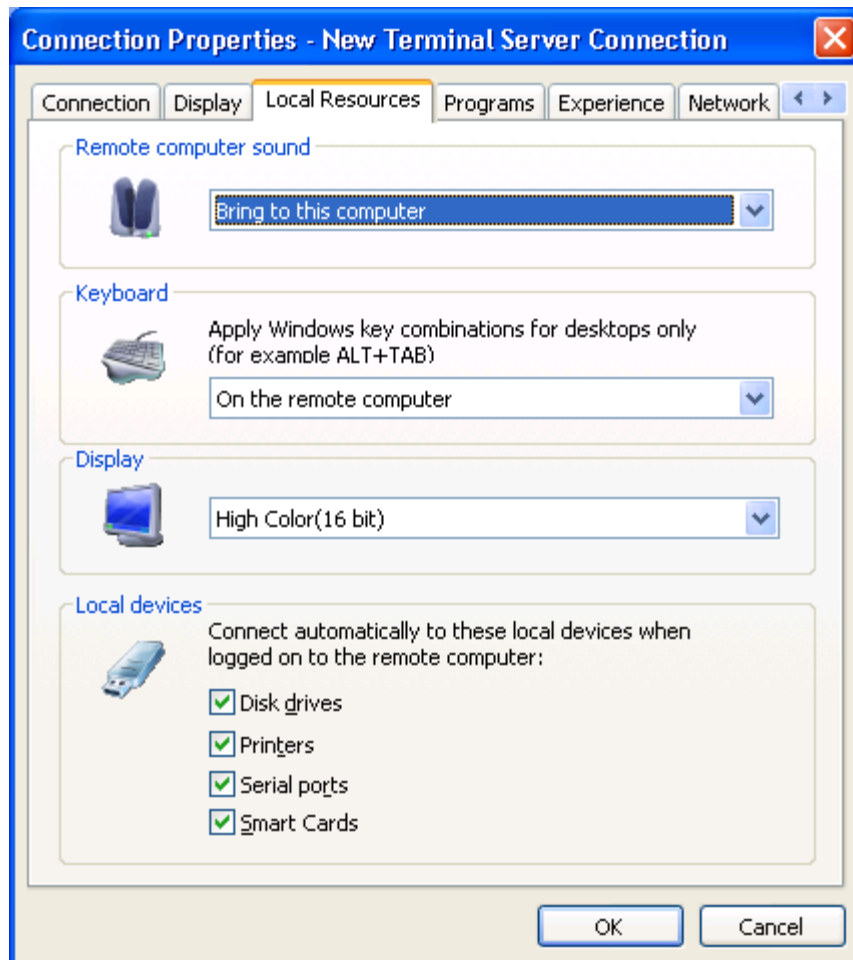


Figure 223 - 2X Client – Connection Properties – Local Resources tab.

Programs

Start a program

Enable 'Start the following program on connection' to start an application when a connection to the remote desktop is established.

Type the path and file name of the application that you would like to launch in the 'Program path and file name' field (Example – "c:\windows\notepad.exe").

You can also set a start folder in the 'Start in the following folder' field (Example – "c:\windows").

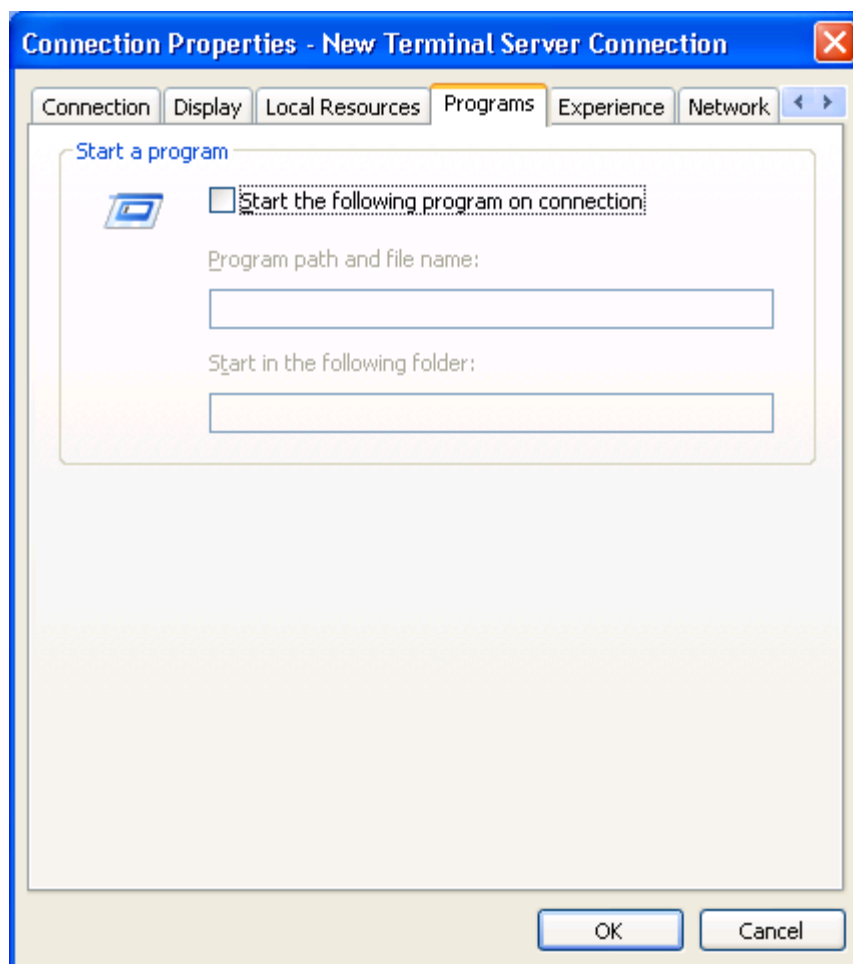


Figure 224 - 2X Client – Connection Properties – Programs Settings

Experience

The experience tab allows you to tweak the connection speed to optimize the performance of the connection with the remote host.

If you are using a connection to a remote computer in a local network that runs at 100mbit or up, it is usually safe to have all of the experience options turned on.

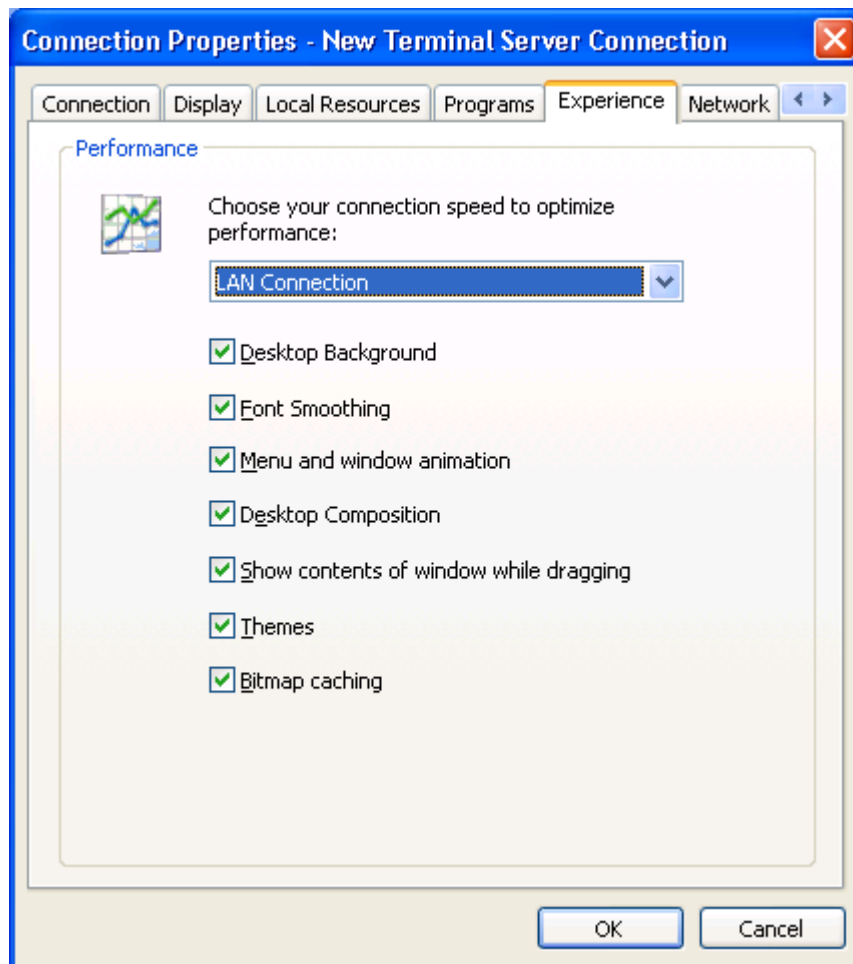


Figure 225 - 2X Client – Connection Properties – Experience tab.

Network

In the Network Tab you may configure network settings to be able to connect to 2X VirtualDesktopServer using a proxy.

To be able to connect to a Proxy Server, check the Use Proxy Server checkbox. The following are different proxy connection types that can be used:

SOCKS4 – Enable this option to transparently use the service of a network firewall.

SOCKS4A – Enable this option to allow a client that cannot connect to resolve the destination host's name to specify it.

SOCKS5 – Enable this option to be able to connect using authentication.

HTTP 1.1 – Enable this option to connect using standard HTTP 1.1 protocol connections.

After selecting a connection type, the Proxy Host (domain name or IP Address) and port number have to be specified.

For SOCKS5 and HTTP 1.1 connections, authentication has to be enabled, check the Proxy Requires Authentication checkbox, and type in user credentials. Check 'Use user logon credentials' to use the user logon credentials when authenticating with the proxy server.

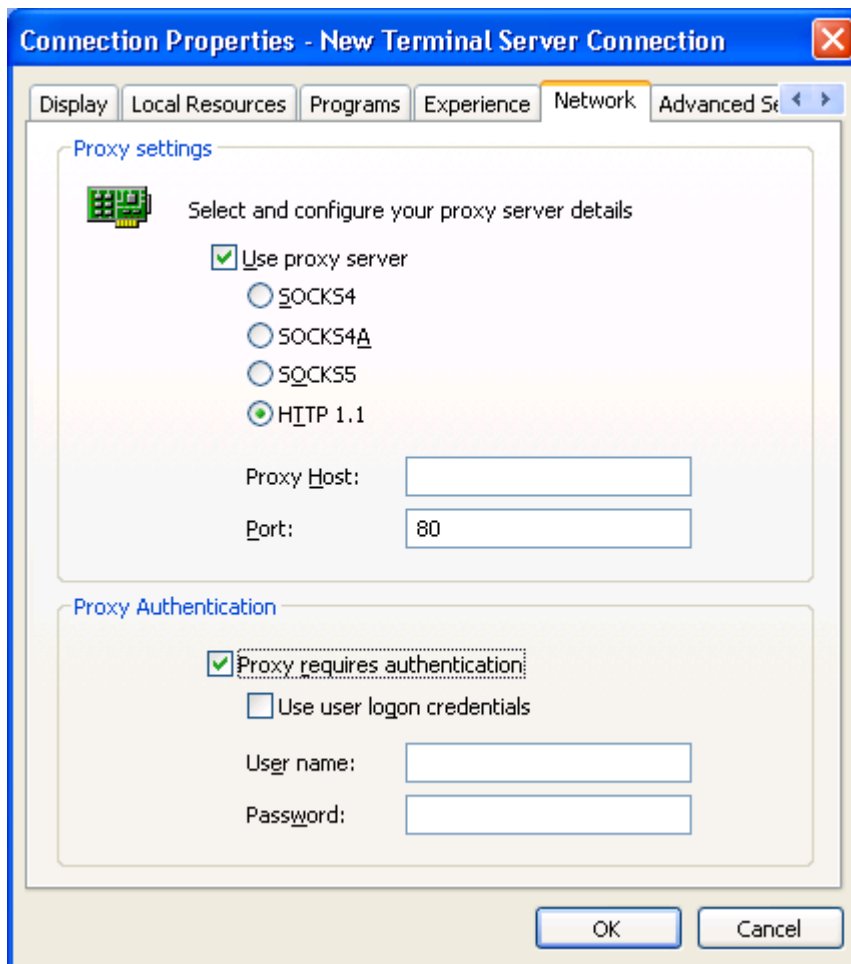


Figure 226 - 2X Client – Connection Properties – Network tab.

Advanced Settings

Connect to console – Enable this option to connect to the console session (session 0) of the Terminal Server

Display the connection bar when in fullscreen mode – This will show the RDP connection bar at the top of the page.

Reconnect if connection is dropped – Enable this option to automatically reconnect to the Terminal Server if the connection is dropped.

Embed published desktop in Launcher – Enable this option to access the published desktop inside the 2X Client

Span desktops on all monitors – Enable this option to span the published desktops across all connected monitors.

Enable desktop smart sizing – Desktop smart sizing enables the Clients to scale the Client window display of desktop when resizing.

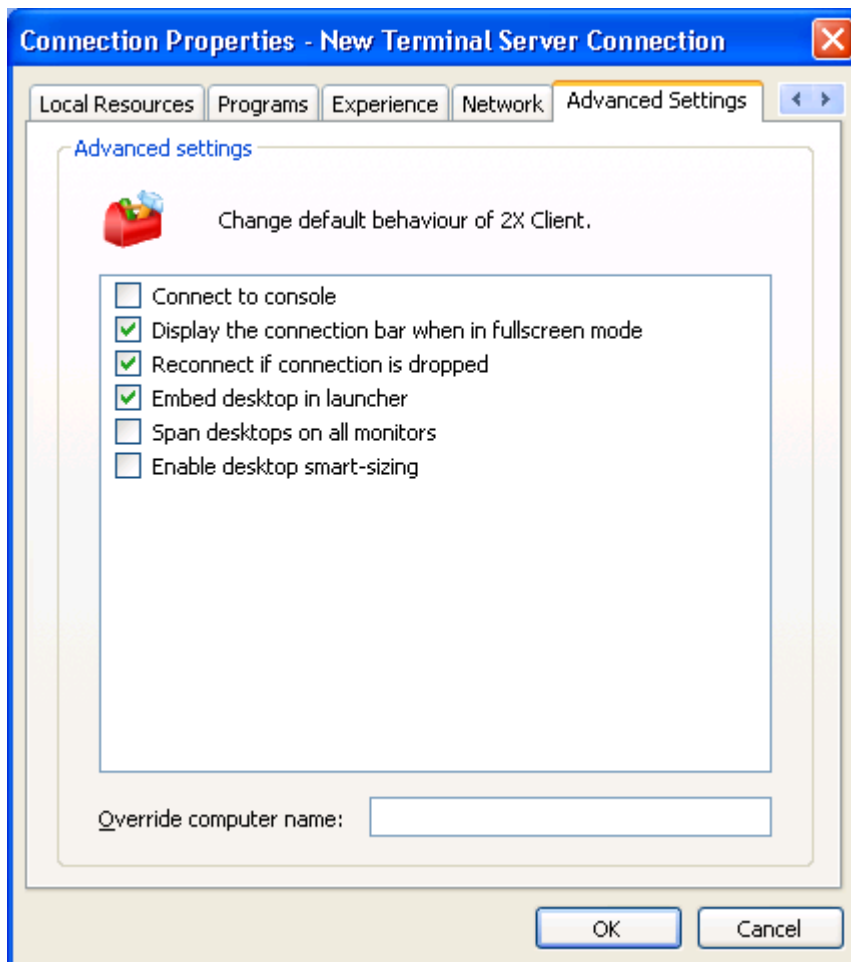


Figure 227 - 2X Client – Connection Properties – Advanced Settings

Using Terminal Server Connections

After adding a Terminal Server connection, simply double click it or click 'Open' to start the connection. You can start multiple connections at once. 2X Client will embed all the connections inside the window and you can switch between one connection and another by clicking on the corresponding tab.

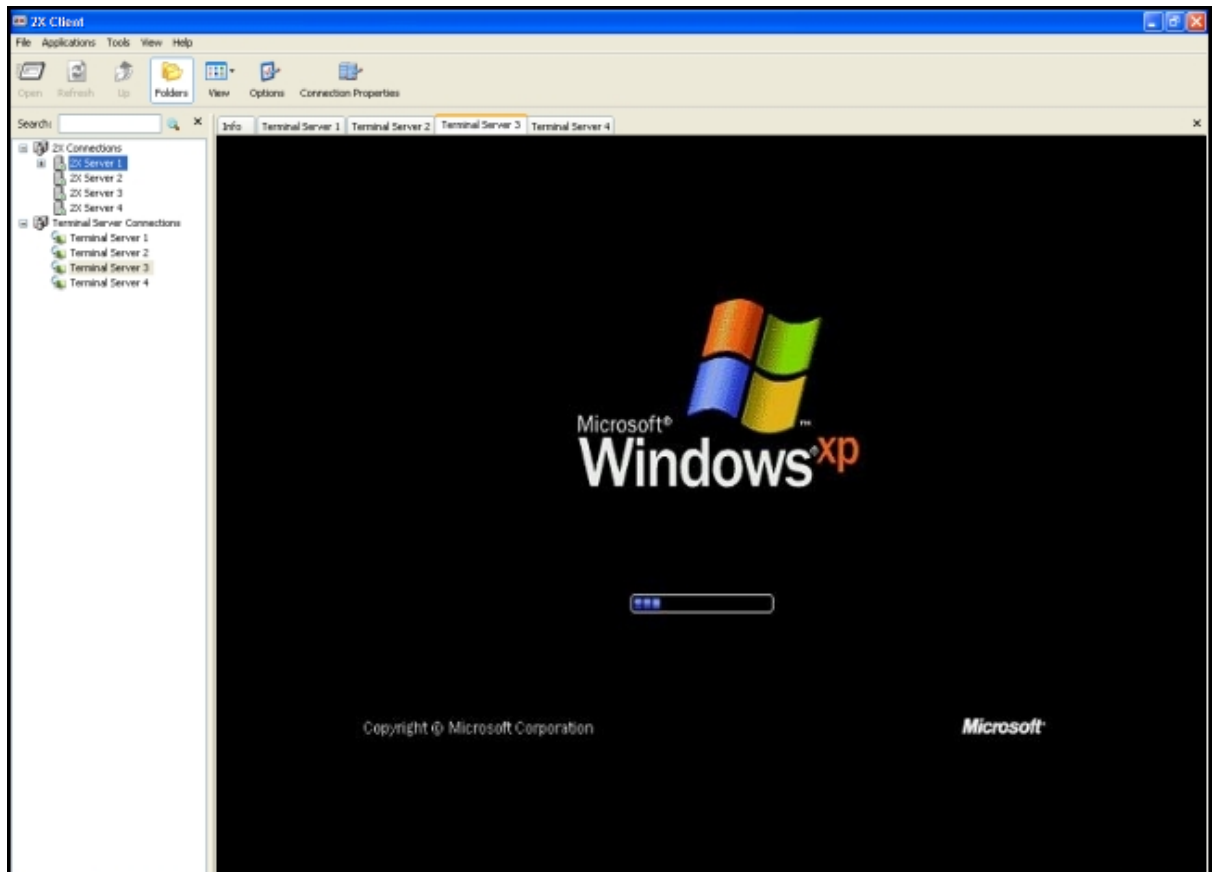


Figure 228 - Embedded Desktops

Right click on the desktop tab to view the following options:

- **Send Ctrl+Alt+Del** – Send the Ctrl+Alt+Del command to the published desktop which is used to open Windows Task Manager or Windows Security
- **Smart-Sizing** – If enabled, Smart Sizing will resize the published desktop so that the whole desktop can fit in the available area.
- **Disembed from Launcher** – This will launch the published desktop outside of the 2X Client.
- **Close** – Click to close the open connection.

2X Client for U3

U3 is a company producing a propriety method of auto launching applications from specially formatted USB U3 smart drives.

The U3 launch pad is a program manager that is preinstalled on every U3 smart drive. You can install U3 2X Client and also launch it from the U3 launch pad.

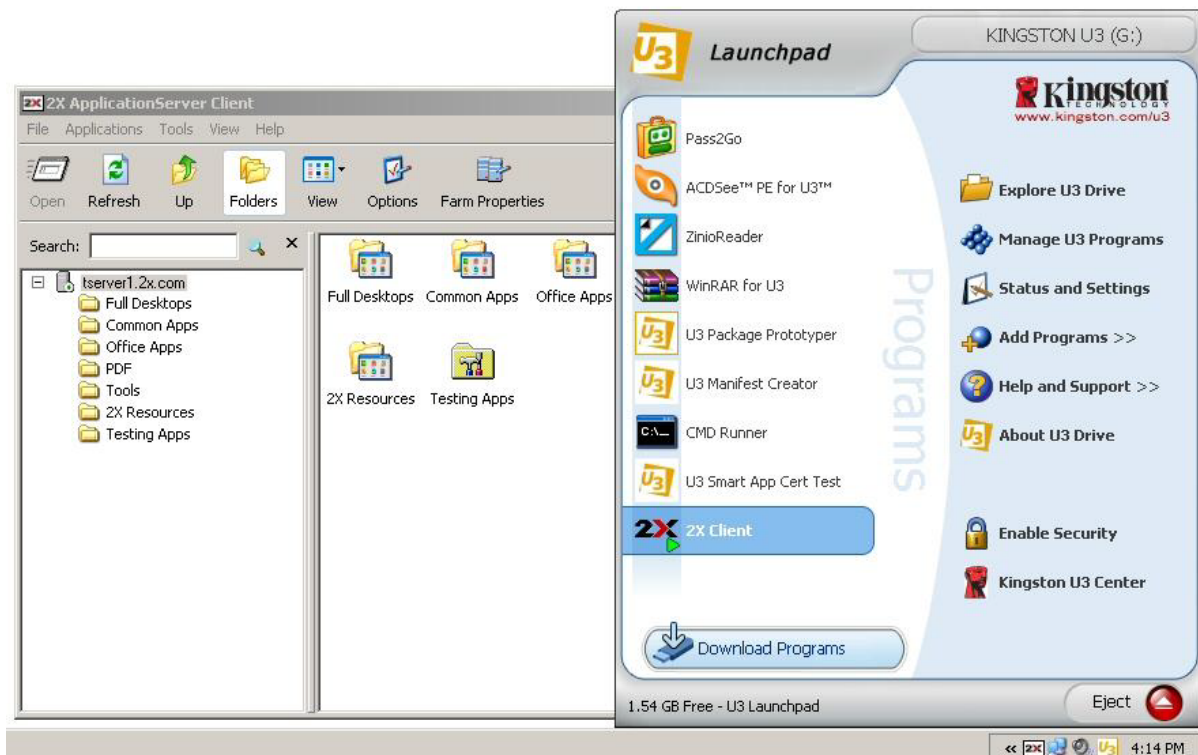


Figure 229 - U3 2X Client Launch Pad

As you can see above, 2X Client will run normally without being installed on your local machine, when running on a U3 smart drive.

NOTE: You will have to download the U3_2XClient.u3p packet; this will be installed and launched through the U3 launch pad.

2X Client for PortableApps.com

PortableApps.com is a software solution allowing you to take your favorite software with you. A fully open source and free platform, it works on any portable storage device (USB flash drive, iPod, memory card, portable hard drive, etc).

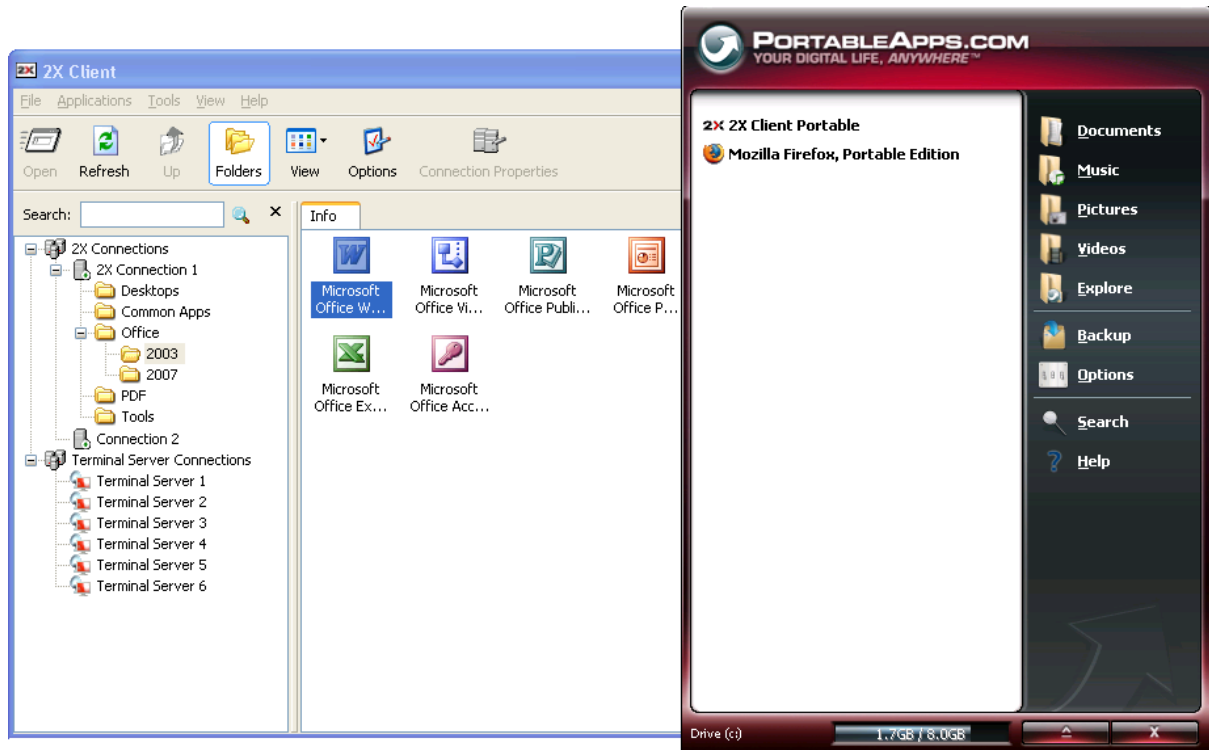


Figure 230 – 2X Client running from PortableApps.com

As you can see above, 2X Client will run normally without being installed on your local machine, when running on PortableApps.com. To add 2X Client to PortableApps.com simply download 2X Client for PortableApps.com, open PortableApps.com, click on 'Options' and then choose 'Install a New App'. PortableApps.com will ask you for the application you want to install. Choose the 2X Client for PortableApps.com installation file and follow the on screen instructions.

NOTE: You will have to download the 2XPortableClient.paf.exe packet; this will be installed and launched through the U3 launch pad.

2X ACCESS PORTAL

2X Access Portal allows users to launch published applications and desktops from multiple farms which are accessed through a web portal according to their filter settings.

Pre-requisites

- Windows 2003/2008 Server
- Microsoft .NET Framework II
- IIS 6
- 2X VirtualDesktopServer

Installation

1. Run the 2X Access Portal setup program by double clicking on the '2XWebPortal.msi' file on an IIS machine to be used as your access point to the published applications from the Web Portal. A welcome dialog box will appear. Close other Windows programs and click 'Next'.

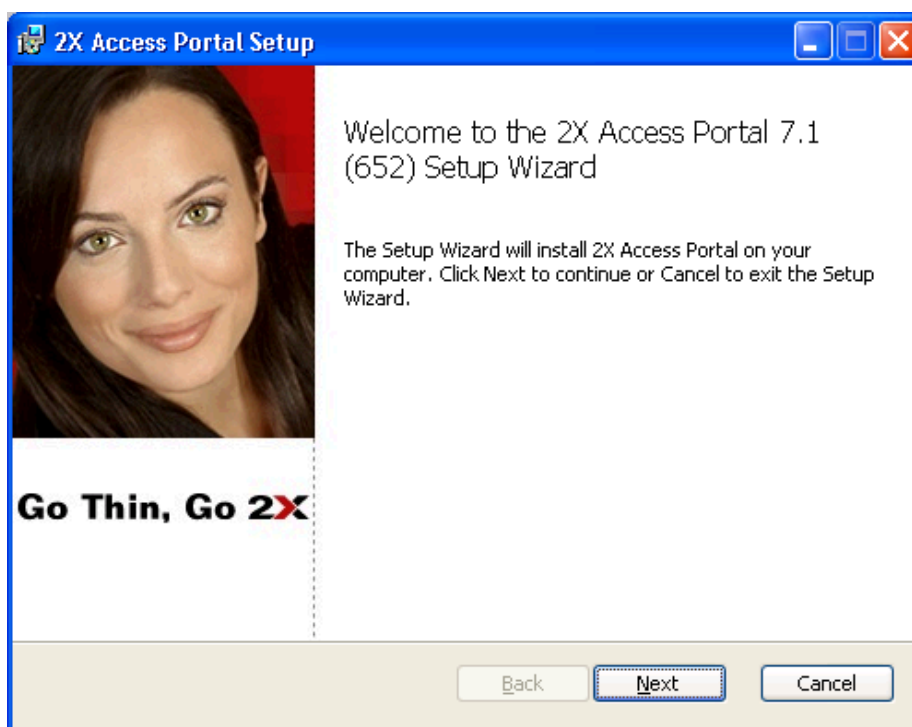


Figure 231 - Welcome to the 2X Access Portal Setup Wizard

2. Accept the license agreement by enabling 'I accept the terms in the License Agreement' checkbox.

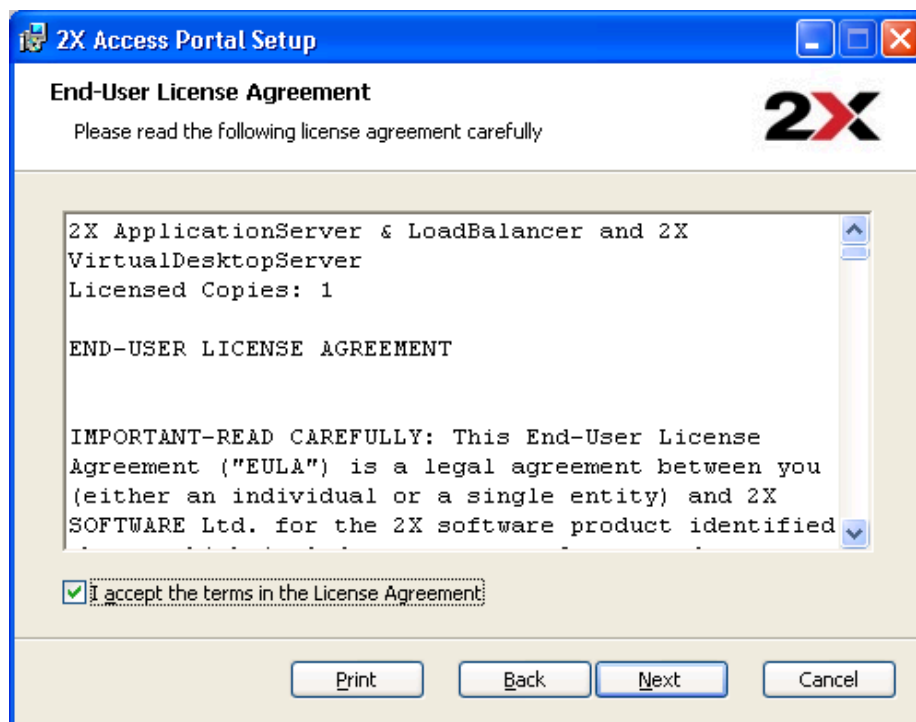


Figure 232 - Web Portal End-User License Agreement

3. In this screen you're asked to assign the port on which the 2X Web Service will be installed. By default this 2X Web Portal will be installed on port 81. Please note that 2X Client Gateway by default is installed on port 80 is configured to forward the HTTP requests to localhost on port 81. Therefore the Clients will still be able to access the 2X Web Portal from port 80. However one may choose to install the 2X Web Service on any other port and one may also use an existing port used by other web site. In this case the service will be installed under the web site configured on that port.



Figure 233 - Web Portal – Web Server Port Number

4. Click 'Install' to begin the installation - Setup will copy the required files and will create the service on the machine.

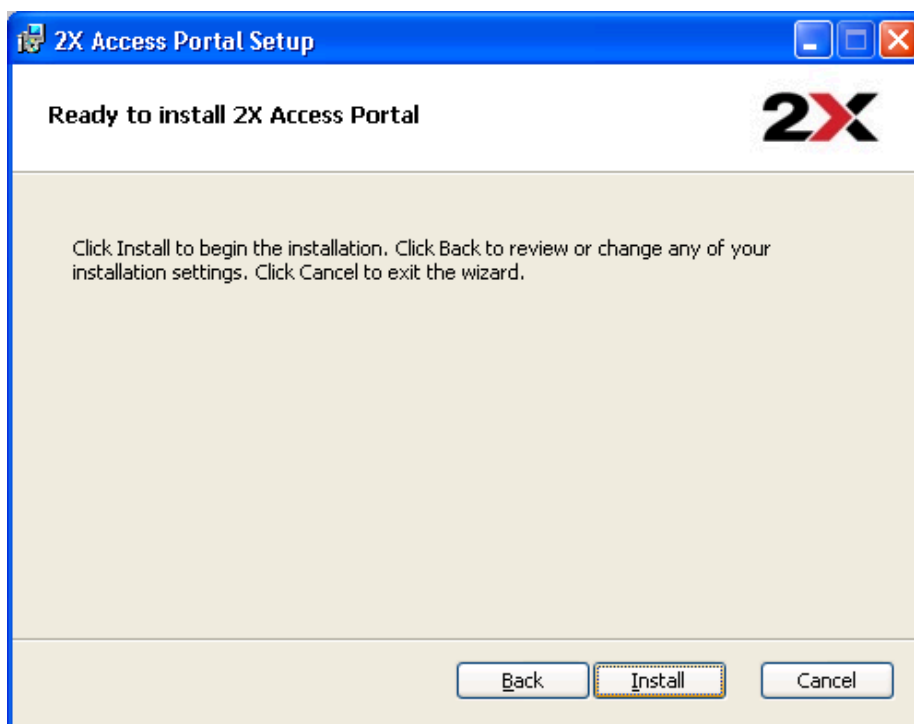


Figure 234 - Web Portal - Ready to install

Configuration

The first step after installing the 2X Web Portal is to direct the browser to [http://localhost/2XWebPortal/Logon.aspx] and login with a username with administrative rights on the IIS machine.

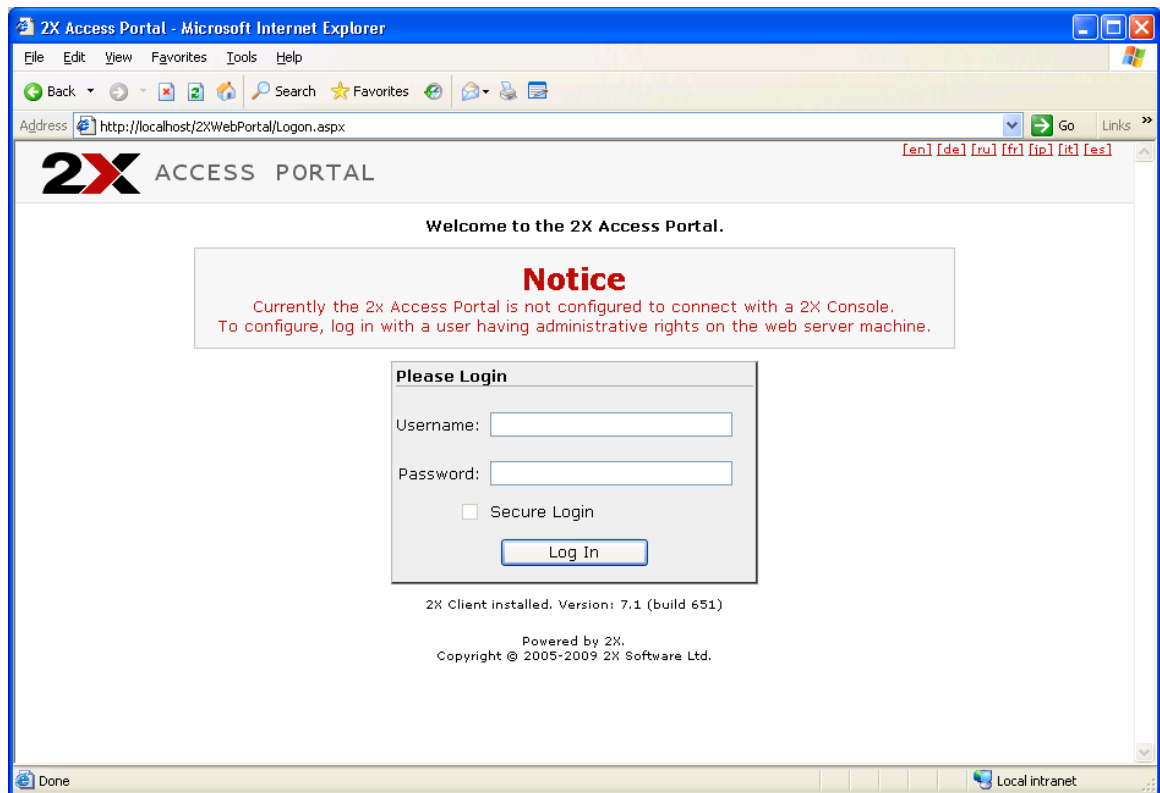


Figure 235 - Welcome to the 2X Access Portal

Add Farm by entering the IP/hostname on the left side and click 'Add Farm'. One can configure how the 2X Web Service will connect with the 2X Client Gateway in the 'Farm Details'.

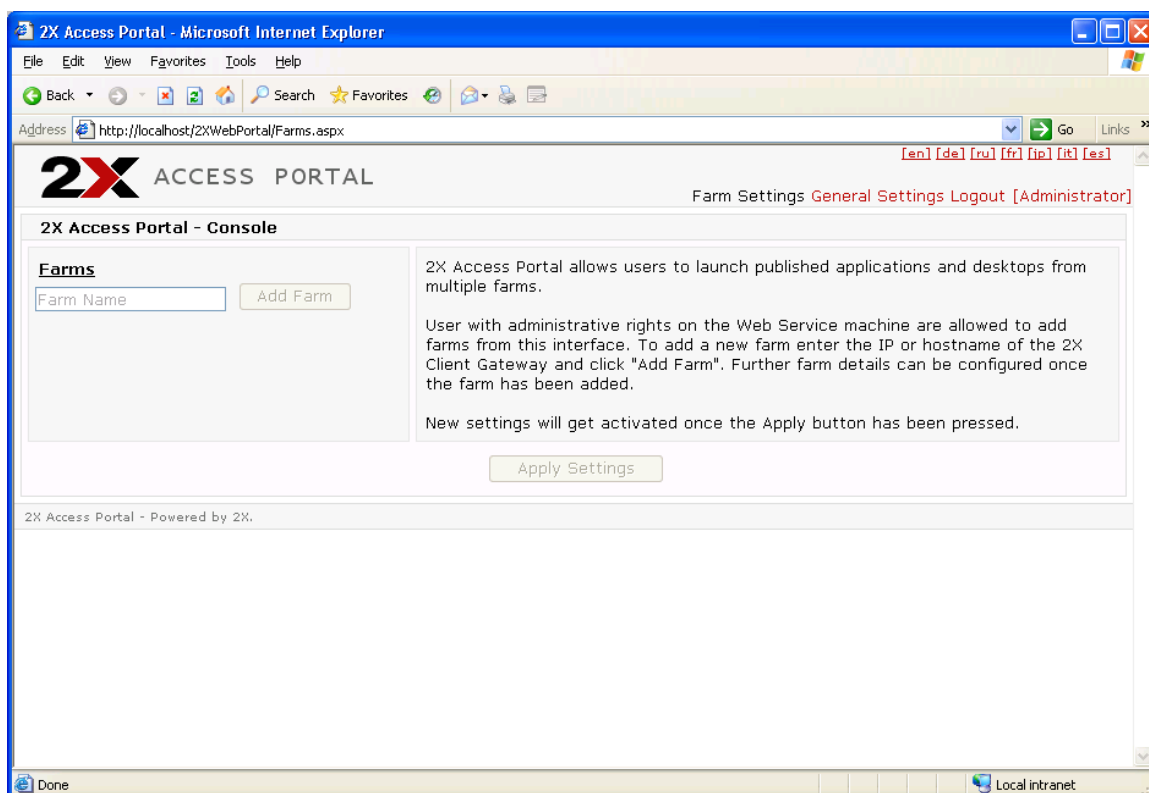


Figure 236 - Add a new farm

In the Farm Details, the Administrator should configure the settings of the 2X Client Gateway for each farm. The 2X Client Gateway Details as shown in the figure below are used from the 2X Web Service to connect with the 2X Client Gateway. Therefore these settings are primarily used for the connection between the 2X Web Service and the 2X Client Gateway service.

Farm Details

These settings are used from the 2X Web Service and 2X Client to connect with the 2X Client Gateway of the selected farm.

2X Client Gateway Details:

Primary Hostname / IP:	<input type="text" value="T-Server01"/>
Secondary Hostname / IP:	<input type="text"/>
Connection type:	<input type="text" value="Direct Mode"/>
Port:	<input type="text" value="80"/>

Advanced Settings >>

Figure 237 - Configuring the Farm Details

To configure (override) the options how the Client will connect with the 2X Client Gateway, click the 'Advanced Settings' options. These options allow the administrator to override the options that are used in the 2X Client Gateway Details and give the ability to use different settings when 2X Clients are connected with the 2X Client Gateway.

Farm Details

These settings are used from the 2X Web Service and 2X Client to connect with the 2X Client Gateway of the selected farm.

2X Client Gateway Details:

Primary Hostname / IP: T-Server01
Secondary Hostname / IP:
Connection type: Direct Mode
Port: 80

Advanced Settings <<

The following settings can be used to override different settings on the 2X Client.

☐ Override 2X Client Gateway IP/Host:

Primary Hostname / IP:
Secondary Hostname / IP:

☐ Override Gateway Port: 80
☐ Override SSL Gateway Port: 443
Default Connection Mode: Auto

Delete Farm

Figure 238 - Advanced Settings

After you configure the required settings, click 'Apply Settings' and log out and log in again to retrieve the applications listing.

2X Client must be installed on the Client machine beforehand and the Clients browsers should be pointed to http://WEB_SERVER_NAME/2XWebPortal/Logon.aspx. After entering the user credentials in Username and Password fields, the application list should be populated according to the Client filtering settings. Username in UPN suffix format should be used to specify the user and domain. (E.g. user@domain)

Clients will be able to traverse the application groups by clicking on the icon of each application group or by using the path field. Clients are also allowed to select the connection mode in order to specify the connection mode used when connecting with the published application or desktop.

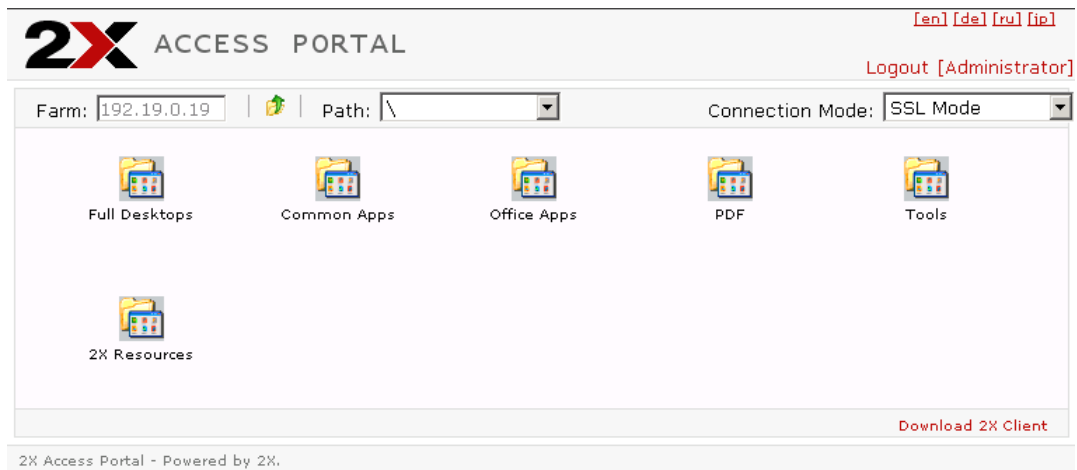


Figure 239 - Application Listing

To connect in a secure mode one should enable SSL on the 2X VirtualDesktopServer or enable SSL on IIS.

Figure 240 - Secure Login

One may add more farms by using the above steps again. Click 'Apply Settings' to activate your settings.

2X Client

2X Access Portal is able to identify whether the 2X Client is installed or not.

When the 2X Access Portal identifies that the 2X Client is not installed on the client's system, a link to the appropriate client is displayed. The link is dynamically generated according to the request of the client's OS. By default this link points to the latest clients from www.2x.com/downloads.

In order to replace the client to be downloaded one should place the clients setup files in the web portal client folder.

(By default this folder is found at "c:\inetpub\wwwroot\2XWebPortal\clients"). If no setup files are found in this location, latest client setup files are downloaded from www.2x.com/downloads.

Clients for different Operating systems can be placed in the mentioned folder and file names must be using the following names.

Windows Client: 2XClient.msi

Mac Client: 2XClient.dmg

Linux Client: 2XClient.i386.rpm

INSTALLING 2X CLIENT FOR LINUX

2X Client is approved for the following Linux distributions: Ubuntu 8.04, Ubuntu 8.10, Ubuntu 9.04, OpenSuse 11.1, Fedora Core 9.

Installation Procedures (RPM Version)

1. Download the rpm package from <http://www.2x.com/virtualdesktop/downloadlinks.html> and store it locally.

2. Switch to the root user.

3. To install type:

```
rpm -ivh 2XClient.i386.rpm
```

4. 2X Client for Linux binaries are now installed under:

```
/opt/2X/applicationserverclient/bin
```

5. Run the following command to launch 2X Client:

```
/opt/2X/applicationserverclient/bin/WTSCClient
```

6. You can also run the following commands to obtain a list of all usage parameters for 2X Client session:

```
cd /opt/2X/applicationserverclient/bin  
./appserverclient -?
```

Installation Procedures (.TAR.BZ2 Version)

1. Download the tar package from <http://www.2x.com/virtualdesktop/downloadlinks.html> and store it locally.

2. Switch to the root user.

3. Switch to the root folder:

```
cd/
```

4. To install type:

```
tar jxvf 2XApplicationServerClient.tar.bz2
```

5. 2X Client for Linux binaries are now installed under:

```
/opt/2X/applicationserverclient/bin
```

6. Run the following command to launch 2X Client:

```
/opt/2X/applicationserverclient/bin/WTSCClient
```

7. You can also run the following commands to obtain a list of all usage parameters for 2X Client session:

```
cd /opt/2X/applicationserverclient/bin  
./appserverclient -?
```

User Interface

Please refer to “Configuring 2X Client for Windows” for usage instructions.

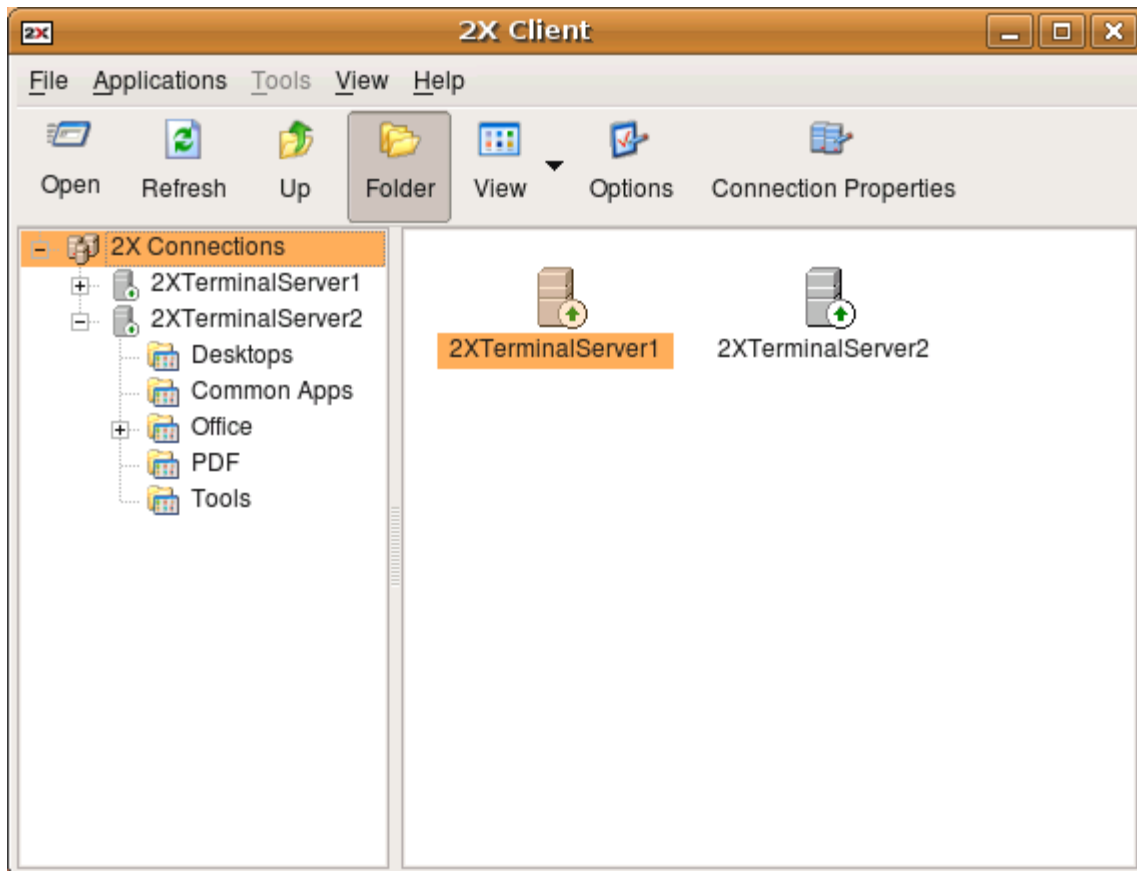


Figure 241 - 2X Client for Linux

Command Line Interface

2X Application Server Client.
Version 4.3.2083. Copyright (C) 2005-2007 2X Software.
Usage: appserverclient options

General options:

- m: operating mode
 - 2G for 2X Application Server gateway access client(default)
 - 2D for 2X Application Server direct access client
 - AL for 2X Application Server application list
 - MS for Microsoft Terminal Server client
 - MF for Microsoft Terminal Server fullscreen client
- s: server[:port] (default port is 80 for 2G and 2D modes and 3389 for MS and MF modes)
- u: user name
- p: password
- d: domain
- a: application to start
- f: working folder
- i: 2ax shortcut file
 - 2ax shortcut files available through 2X Application Server web interface, and include published application settings. You still need to specify user login credentials with options -u, -p, -d

RDP options:

- w: desktop width (default: 1024)
 - You can pass zero to make it equal to current workarea width
 - You can pass negative value to set it as percentage of current workarea width
 - (this parameter can be overwritten by server settings in 2D and 2G modes)
- h: desktop height (default: 768)
 - You can pass zero to make it equal to current workarea height
 - You can pass negative value to set it as percentage of current workarea height
 - (this parameter can be overwritten by server settings in 2D and 2G modes)
- c: connection color depth in bits (default: 24 bits)
- e: RDP experience one or more ORed value(s) from:
 - 0x6F to disable everything (default)
 - 0x01 to disable wallpapers
 - 0x02 to disable full window drag
 - 0x04 to disable menu animations
 - 0x08 to disable theming
 - 0x20 to disable cursor shadow
 - 0x40 to disable cursor blinking
 - 0x00 to disable nothing
- t: maximum network timeout in seconds (default: 5 seconds)
- l: locale identifier in HEX format (default: 0x0409 - English (United States))
- C: use XCursor extension for colored pointers

Device options:

- P: redirect printer(s) (this flag can be repited), can be
 - "printcap" to use printers from '/etc/printcap'
 - "printrname" to use default printer driver

"printername=drivername" to specify driver name also
-S: redirect sound, can be
 "off" to disable sound (default)
 "local"= quality to bring it to the client with:
 "normal" for normal quality
 "good" for good quality (default)
 "verygood" for very good quality
 "remote" to leave it on the server

Other options:

-o: output mode
 1 - print return code to stderr
 2 - print return message to stderr
 3 - print return code and message to stderr
-v: print version info
-?: to get help information

INSTALLING 2X CLIENT FOR MAC OS X

System Requirements

- Mac OS X Version 10.3.9 and up

Installation Procedures

1. Download the 2XClient.dmg file from <http://www.2x.com/virtualdesktop/downloadlinks.html> and store it locally
2. Double click on 2XClient.dmg, the installation dialog will come up, then click 2XClient.pkg to continue the installation.



Figure 242 - 2X Client for Mac OS X installation

3. Another dialog will show, click "Continue" to continue installing 2X Client.

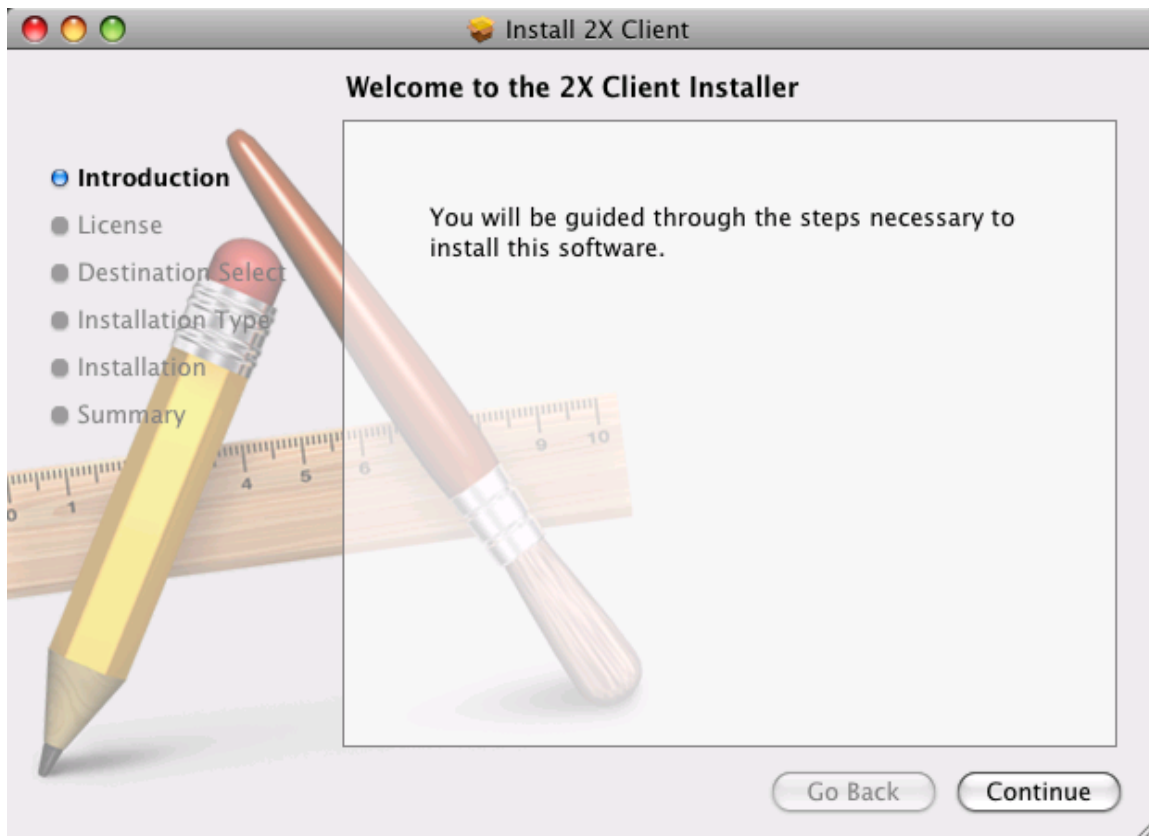


Figure 243 - 2X Client for Mac OS X installation.

4. Click "Agree" to continue installing 2X Client.

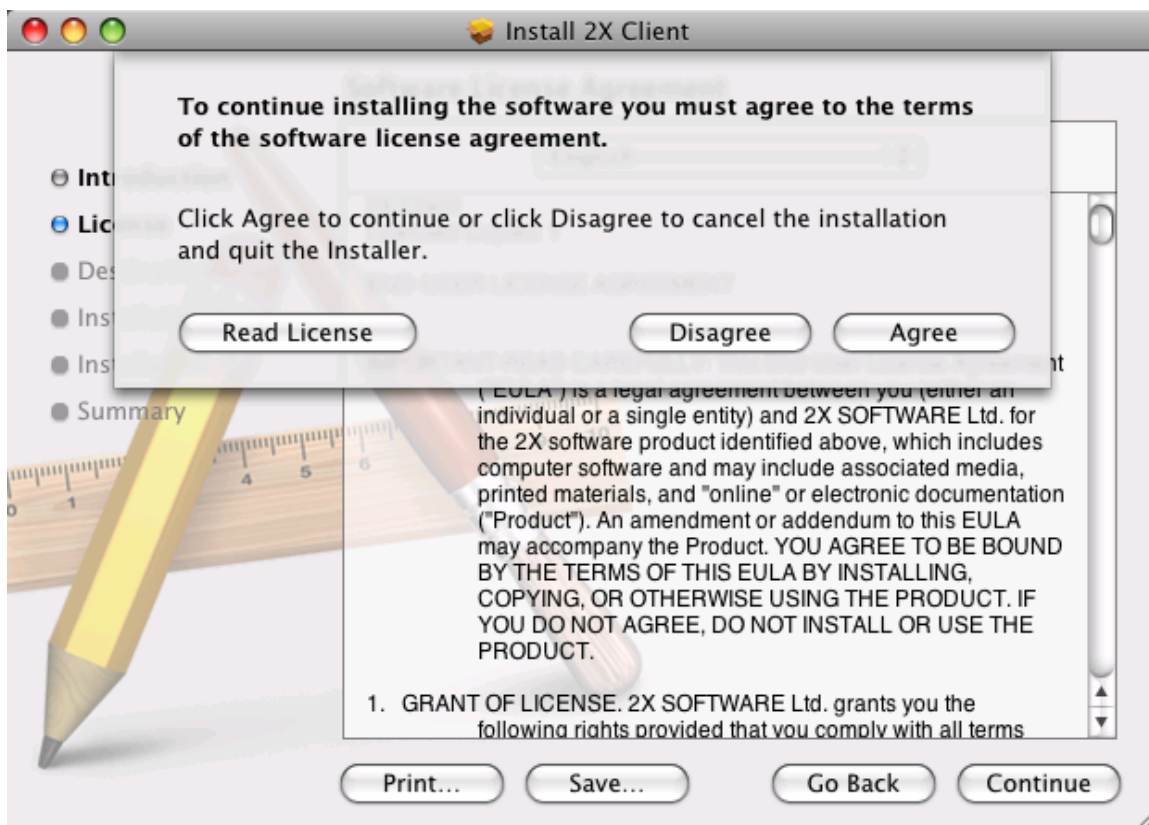


Figure 244 - 2X Client for Mac OS X installation.

5. Select the volume where you wish to install the 2X Client.

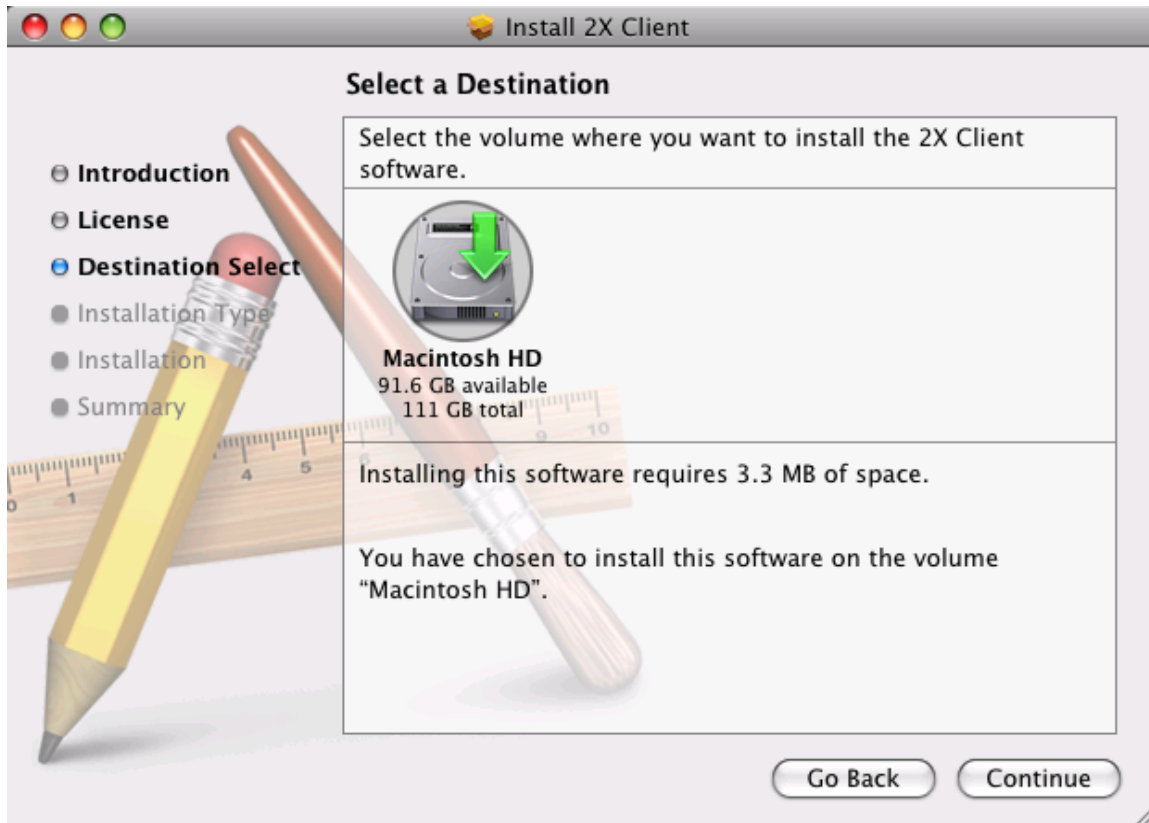


Figure 245 - 2X Client for Mac OS X installation.

6. When the installation is finished you are now ready to launch the 2X Client.

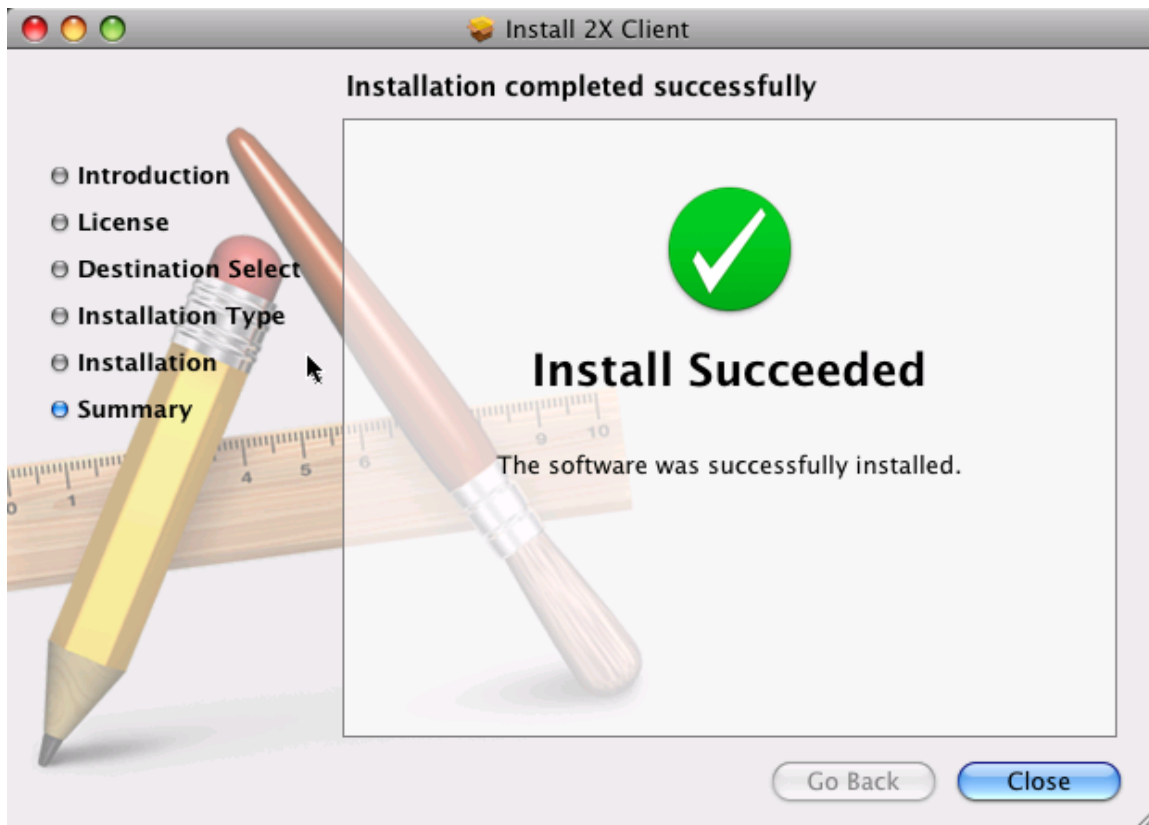


Figure 246 - 2X Client for Mac installation

Usage Instructions

Graphical User Interface

To launch published applications using Graphical user Interface, follow these steps.

1. Launch the 2X Client
2. Click on File > Add new 2X Connection
3. Fill in the required fields and press 'OK' button

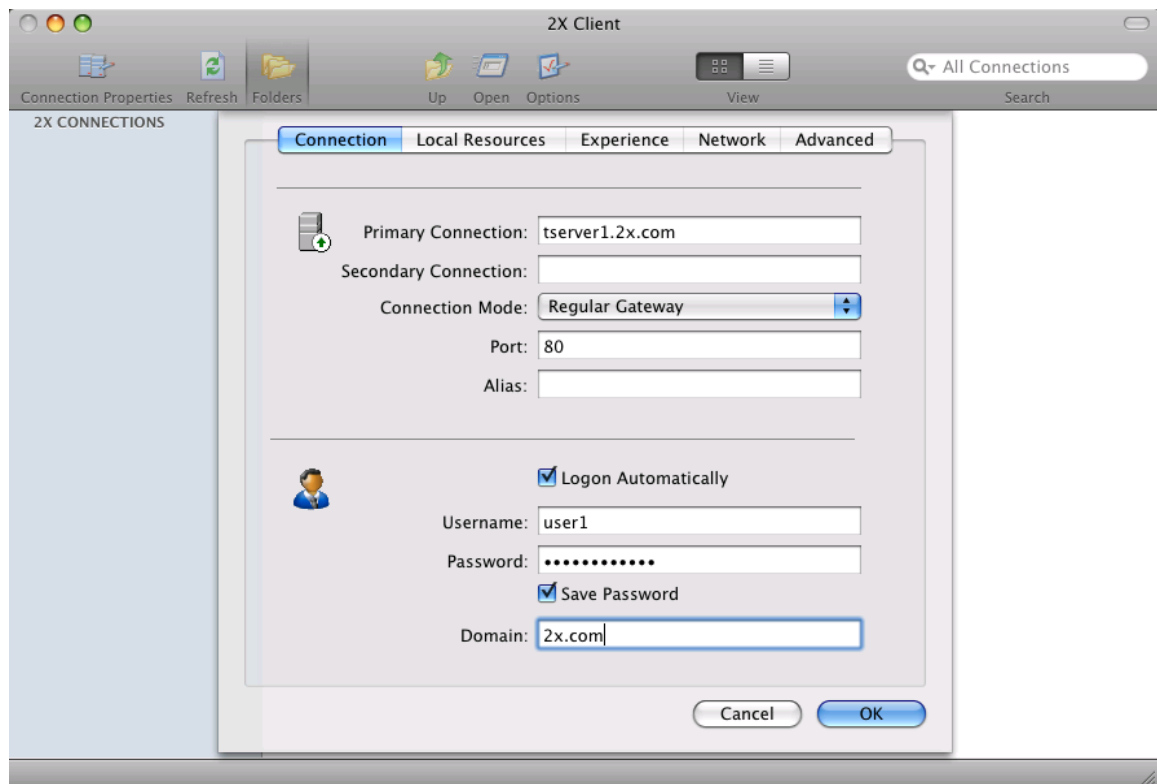


Figure 247 - Mac 2X Client – Adding a Connection

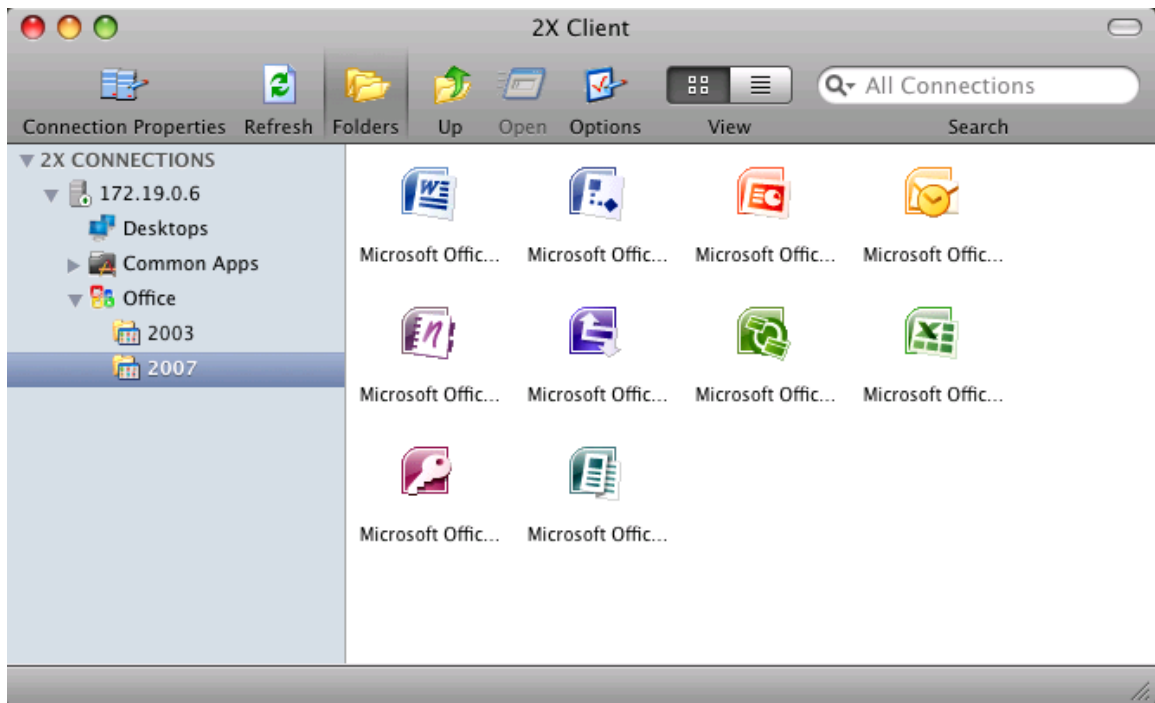


Figure 248 - Mac 2X Client – Application Browser

4. When you click the 'OK' button you will get the Application Browser window where the published applications are listed.
5. Double click on any application to launch it.
6. Execution of the published application as displayed in the figure below.

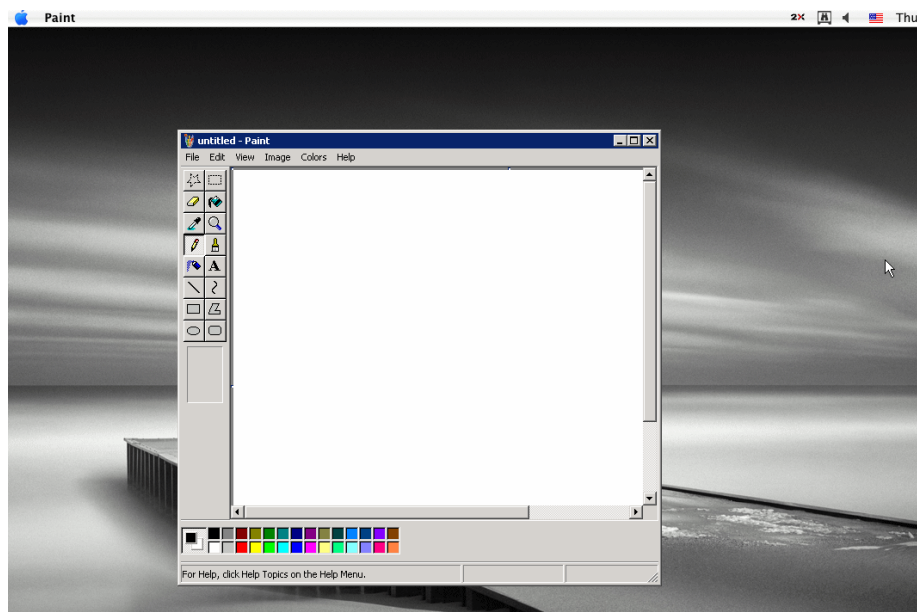
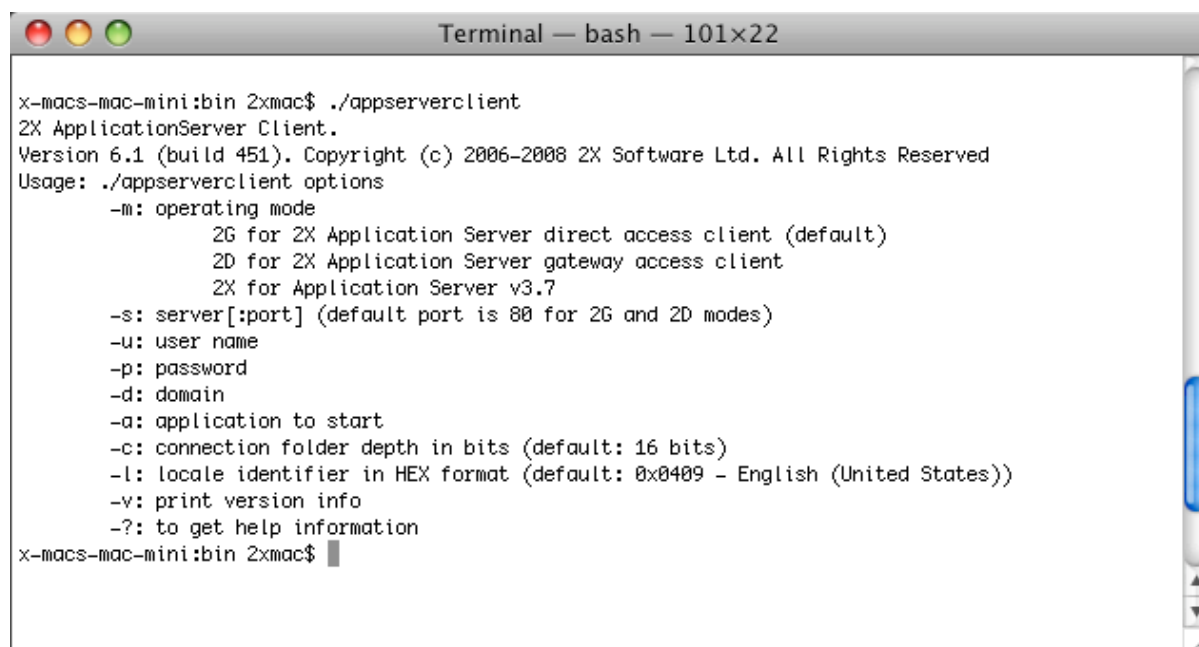


Figure 249 - MS Windows application running over RDP on a Mac platform

Command Line

1. Open a Terminal Window
Go > Utilities > Terminals
2. Run the following commands to obtain a list of all usage parameters for 2X Client:

```
cd /usr/bin
./appserverclient -?.
```



The screenshot shows a Terminal window titled "Terminal — bash — 101x22". The prompt is "x-macs-mac-mini:bin 2xmac\$". The user has entered the command `./appserverclient`, which has produced the following output:

```
x-macs-mac-mini:bin 2xmac$ ./appserverclient
2X ApplicationServer Client.
Version 6.1 (build 451). Copyright (c) 2006-2008 2X Software Ltd. All Rights Reserved
Usage: ./appserverclient options
  -m: operating mode
      2G for 2X Application Server direct access client (default)
      2D for 2X Application Server gateway access client
      2X for Application Server v3.7
  -s: server[:port] (default port is 80 for 2G and 2D modes)
  -u: user name
  -p: password
  -d: domain
  -a: application to start
  -c: connection folder depth in bits (default: 16 bits)
  -l: locale identifier in HEX format (default: 0x0409 - English (United States))
  -v: print version info
  -?: to get help information
x-macs-mac-mini:bin 2xmac$
```

Figure 250 - Usage Instructions

APPENDIX

Examples how to use command line parameters

The following examples illustrate the use of this Client:

```
appserverclient -s<Server IP> -a"Application Name" -u<User Name>
```

```
appserverclient -s192.168.0.1 -a"Internet Explorer" -uAdministrator
```

In this case you are requested to logon before the application is loaded.

```
appserverclient -s<Server IP> -a"Application Name" -u<User Name>
-p<Password>
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appserverclient -s192.168.0.1 -a"Media Player" -uAdministrator -
ppassword
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In this case the logon screen is bypassed if the password is correct.

Please note:

The application name is case sensitive and must be surrounded by quotes. Examples are "Notepad", "Internet Explorer", and "Media Player".

Command Line Parameters for TSCClient

TSCient.exe [c:\Program Files\2X\VDS\TSCClient.exe] is a 2X client that enables you to connect to your terminal server connections. There are two ways which can be used to connect to you terminal server(s):

Command Line Parameters

The following parameters can be used in command line with 2X Terminal Server Client:

s!	Primary Connection
b!	Secondary Connection
t!	Port Number
u!	User (user@domain)
q!	Clear text password
d!	Domain (not needed if included with the username)
m!	Mode number (0: Regular Gateway, 1: Direct Connection. 2: SSL)
o!	Use SSO (1: Use SSO, 0: Do not use SSO)
i!	Connection alias
p!	Override server application arguments (Used with applications, ex: Notepad)

When using the command line for Terminal Server Connections, using the TSCClient, please make sure that the single quotes in the name of the connection are replaced with a double single quote.
Example:- s! = 'se"ve"'

2XA Files

TSCClient.exe can also be used to launch to connect to a terminal server by using a 2XA file as a parameter.

2XA Generator is a command line utility to create 2xa files. 2xa files contains the required information to launch a published item. To use 2XA Generator, run 2XAGen.exe [c:\Program Files\2X\VDS\2XAGen.exe] in a command prompt and pass the appropriate parameters.

Table of available locale identifiers

Identifier	Name
0x0401	Arabic (Saudi Arabia)
0x0403	Catalan (Spain)
0x0404	Chinese (Taiwan)
0x0804	Chinese (People's Republic of China)
0x0405	Czech (Czech Republic)
0x0406	Danish (Denmark)
0x0407	German (Germany)
0x0807	German (Swiss)
0x0408	Greek (Greece)
0x0409	English (United States)
0x0809	English (Great Britain)
0x0C0A	Spanish - Modern Sort (Spain)
0x0425	Estonian (Estonia)
0x040B	Finnish (Finland)
0x040C	French (France)
0x080C	French (Belgium)
0x0C0C	French (Canada)
0x100C	French (Swiss)
0x040D	Hebrew (Israel)
0x040E	Hungarian (Hungary)

0x0410	Italian (Italy)
0x0411	Japanese (Japan)
0x0412	Korean (Korea)
0x0427	Lithuanian (Latvia)
0x0426	Latvian (Latvia)
0x0413	Dutch (Netherlands)
0x0813	Dutch (Belgium)
0x0414	Norwegian (Norway)
0x0415	Polish (Poland)
0x0416	Portuguese (Brazil)
0x0816	Portuguese (Portugal)
0x0418	Romanian (Romania)
0x0419	Russian (Russia)
0x041A	Croatian (Croatia)
0x041B	Slovak (Slovakia)
0x041D	Swedish (Sweden)
0x041E	Thai (Thailand)
0x041F	Turkish (Turkey)
0x0424	Slovenian (Slovenia)
0x042A	Vietnamese (Vietnam)
0x042D	Basque (Spain)
0x040F	Icelandic (Iceland)

TROUBLESHOOTING

Introduction

The troubleshooting chapter explains how you should go about resolving issues you have. The main sources of information available to users are:

- The manual – most issues can be solved by reading the manual.
- The 2X support site – accessible from the 2X website. It includes a knowledge base with the most frequently asked questions.
- Contacting the 2X support department by email at support@2x.com
- Contacting our support department by telephone.

Knowledgebase

2X maintains a knowledgebase, which includes answers to most common problems. If you have a problem, please consult the knowledgebase first. The knowledgebase always has the most up-to-date listing of support questions and patches.

The knowledgebase can be found on <http://support.2x.com>

Request support via e-mail

If, after using the knowledgebase and this manual, you have any problems that you cannot solve, you can contact the 2X support department. The best way to do this is via e-mail, since you can include vital information as an attachment that will enable us to solve the issues you have more quickly.

You may be asked to collect some information and you may be asked a number of questions. Please take your time to answer these questions accurately. Without the proper information it will not be possible to diagnose your problem.

We will answer your inquiry within 24 hours or less, depending on your time zone.

Request support via phone

You can also contact 2X by phone for technical support. Please check our support website for the correct numbers to call, depending on where you are located, and for our opening times.

Support website:

<http://support.2x.com>